



# Ban put on Macreadie prejudged inquiry into ballot, court told

The ban on Mr John Macreadie, a Militant supporter, taking up his post as general secretary of Britain's largest Civil Service union had "prejudged" the issue of ballot rigging the High Court was told yesterday.

It gave the impression that he could not be trusted and that could only be of benefit to his right-wing political opponents on the executive of the Civil and Public Servants Association, Mr Macreadie said in a sworn statement on the first day of his attempt to have the ban lifted.

He claimed that the decision, taken earlier this month, to order an investigation by the Electoral Reform Society and ban him meanwhile.

Mr David Eady, QC, for Mr Macreadie, told Mr Justice Vinelott that although it was accepted there should be a "fair and impartial" investigation, that could not be done with the involvement of Mrs Marion Chambers, the CPSA's right-wing president.

He had no objection to an investigation by the Electoral Reform Society and was willing to co-operate fully if allowed to take up office meanwhile, Mr Eady said. But he regarded Mrs Chambers as being "in the heart of the political fray and therefore not as independent as required".

The executive claims her involvement is purely administrative as a link between

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The police in Rasharkin, Co Antrim, yesterday, investigating one of the vehicles damaged in the loyalists' rampage.

# Loyalists' midnight attack on village

By Richard Ford

It was all over in a matter of minutes. With military-like precision a gang of 60 "loyalists" rampaged through a predominately Roman Catholic housing estate attacking homes and cars with bricks and sticks.

Dressed in paramilitary uniforms, their faces covered with scarves and balaclavas, they were armed with cudgels, sticks, hatchets and pickaxe handles aimed to cause maximum damage and prevent any danger of retaliation.

It was unlikely any would

have been offered. The people denounced by Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, as "bugs and boogymen", launched their attack shortly before midnight on Sunday when most of the residents of Bamford estate in the village of Rasharkin, Co Antrim, were asleep.

When they hurried from the village in the heartland of the Rev Ian Paisley's overwhelmingly Protestant constituency the mob left behind a stunned Roman Catholic community. Although it is in a loyalist area, Rasharkin has less of the red, white and blue bunting

than villages near by where union jacks flutter from virtually every home.

But there had been a traditional bonfire heralding the July 12 Orange parades.

The celebrations turned into violent clashes between rival loyalist and nationalist gangs.

Yesterday, Bamford estate resounded to the noise of workmen's saws and hammering as wood was cut and nailed over the broken windows.

The road was strewn with shattered glass from windows of five cars damaged by the gang as they launched their attack.

They smashed all the windows in Mr James Crawford's Rover 2.3 car and when he opened his bedroom window bricks were hurled at him.

The Roman Catholics suspect that those involved in the attack were not from the town but are fearful that loyalists in Rasharkin gave the mob information about their homes.

Mr Paisley, who four days ago appeared at a rally with 3,000 loyalists, some of them dressed in paramilitary-style uniforms and carrying cudgels, was unavailable for comment.

# Hailsham to review dismissal of recorder

By Frances Gibb  
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor has agreed to review the case of Mr Manus Nunan, QC, a recorder, who was dismissed without explanation in December 1984 after representations from the Bar Council.

The decision of Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone to grant the Bar's request was announced in a parliamentary answer yesterday by Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General.

With the Lord Chancellor's approval, Mr Nunan is also to visit the senior presiding judge, Lord Justice Watkins, at the latter's invitation "in order that the situation may be further explained".

Such an announcement in connection with decisions on judicial office is rare.

The Bar, too, has been particularly concerned about the lack of openness in the system.

Mr Nunan, who has threatened to take the Lord Chancellor to court to seek a judicial review of his dismissal, was dismissed as a recorder on the North Eastern circuit.

In reply to a parliamentary question from Mr Simon Hughes, Liberal MP for Southwark and Bermondsey yesterday, the Attorney General said Mr Nunan had been warned in advance of "defects in his judicial performance" which had been reported to the Lord Chancellor's office.

# The Observer: an apology

On Saturday we published a report of an application by the Al-Fayeds for an injunction against *The Observer*. The report contained a number of inaccuracies: (a) the application was against *The Observer* and not *Lionel*; (b) the application failed and *The Observer* was awarded its costs; (c) Mr Justice Mann did not find that

*The Observer* had carried out an irresponsible campaign against the Al-Fayeds or that *Lionel* or Mr Tiny Rowland had exercised any improper influence over *The Observer*. (d) the undertakings which the court accepted from *The Observer* had voluntarily been offered prior to the hearing

and were not insisted on by the judge; (e) the references to meetings in Brunei between Mrs Thatcher and the Sultan of Brunei appeared in only two of the 18 articles.

We apologise to *The Observer* for these inaccuracies and have agreed to pay its costs.

# Swan men reject offer

The 2,500 skilled workforce at the Swan Hunter shipyard on the Tyne rejected a pay and conditions deal yesterday. It is believed the next steps could be an overtime ban and ballots on strike action.

The decision means that the

craftsmen, the biggest section of the 4,500 workforce, stand alone. Management, supervisory, technical and clerical staff have all accepted offers.

Strike action could damage prospects of winning a vital order for a Type 23 frigate

# Rate rebels face 'humbbug' question

The Liverpool city councillors who rebelled on rates had rightly been banned from office if they were guilty of "humbbug", a Court of Appeal judge said yesterday.

exercise was to frighten central Government into thinking Liverpool was going to go bust. Central Government could not allow that and so would band out".

"If they didn't genuinely believe they were acting lawfully in deferring fixing the rate, their excuses were all humbug and that's the end of the matter," Lord Justice Lawton told Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, counsel for the 47 Labour councillors.

The judge asked: "Was it humbug or not? If it was not, what is everyone complaining about? If it was humbug, they ought to be out of office, it's as simple as that".

The councillors are asking the court to set aside a £106,103 surcharge imposed on them by the District Auditor, and to lift orders disqualifying them from holding office for five years.

He said: "Confession is very good for the soul. I'd like to think that in June (when a rate was finally set last year) the councillors were confessing their political mistakes of March 7, when they said it was impossible to fix a rate because of the financial situation. But were they?"

During legal arguments, Lord Justice Lawton said: "There is evidence here that the object of the councillors

The hearing before Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Woolf continues today.

# Deadline urged on Stalker

Mr John Stalker, deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester who is under suspension, should return to work next month unless the inquiry into his conduct is completed soon, Manchester City Council's police monitoring committee said yesterday.

# Law group in protest to Havers

Justice, the all-party law reform group, is to lodge a protest with Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, over the apparent failure of his guidelines which require the prosecution to disclose its evidence to the defence.

Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, should produce his report on the disciplinary investigation by the start of August. If he does not, the police authority should return Mr Stalker to duty by August 4, the Labour-controlled committee said.

The prosecution's failure to abide by the guidelines had been disclosed in three cases referred to the group.

The authority, which formally suspended Mr Stalker in an attempt to speed the inquiry into allegations that he associated with criminals, meets on Friday.

Mr Peter Ashman, legal officer for Justice, said yesterday: "Under the Attorney General's guidelines, all information should be as a general rule be disclosed to the defence except that which is particularly sensitive, which may be disclosed on a counsel-to-counsel basis or, very exceptionally, not at all."

As a result of information being withheld, the people in the three cases spent months wrongly in prison, he said.

If the withheld information had not come to light "quite by chance", he added, there would have been no means of knowing that it existed.

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# Remand in kidnap charge

A man and a girl, aged 17, were remanded in custody for eight days at Thames Magistrates' Court, east London, yesterday charged under the Sexual Offences Act with kidnapping a woman on or before July 11.

Desmond Williams, aged 30, of Beches Avenue, Norfolk Park, Sheffield, was also charged with living off immoral earnings. The girl, Shere Roberts, of Maltravers Place, Wybourne, is also from Sheffield.

# Inquest opens on gun couple

An inquest on a farmer and his wife whose bodies were found with gunshot wounds was opened and adjourned by the district coroner at Diss, Norfolk, yesterday. The bodies of Mrs Augusta Bell, aged 22, of Grove Cottages, Upper Billington, Norfolk, and her estranged husband, Mr James Bell, aged 50, of Coggeshall, Essex, were identified by Mrs Bell's stepfather.

# Brothel charge

Cynthia Payne, aged 53, of Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, appeared at Cambridge Green Magistrates' Court, south London, yesterday on charges of keeping a brothel and controlling prostitutes and was remanded on unconditional bail until September.

# Sight regained

Doctors are conducting tests to find out why Mr Hadyn Thomas, aged 60, of Copley Wick, Somerset, who was blinded by paint in 1950, suddenly regained his sight two months ago.

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# Newcastle by-election

# Glensy Kinnock challenged

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mrs Glensy Kinnock, the wife of the Labour Party leader, was challenged yesterday to endorse the Liberal candidate in the Newcastle-under-Lyme by-election because of their mutual support for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

the Labour Party is not affiliated to CND - and there are differences of views over what needs to be done.

"We are all working for peace because we see that as the most important issue."

A slight difference of view emerged almost immediately as Mrs Golding, a right-winger and confirmed disciple of Mr Denis Healey on defence matters, declared her support for a nuclear freeze.

She said: "I believe in a nuclear freeze - absolutely, positively - and I am sure Glensy does as well. So we are both extremely concerned about the future of the world. We see it as being caring, thinking people and that's what we are in the Labour Party."

Mrs Kinnock said that a freeze of nuclear weapons was part of Labour's policy of scrapping the independent nuclear deterrent.

Mr Alan Thomas, a Liberal,

was more conciliatory, referring to Mrs Kinnock as a "very good worker for the peace movement".

Earlier, Mr Nock had sought to stall the Alliance bandwagon by accusing it of running a dirty campaign.

An Alliance leaflet said that if elected, Mrs Golding and Mr John Golding, her husband, who resigned the seat to become general secretary of the National Communications Union, would enjoy a joint income of £50,000 a year.

Mr Nock also admitted that Mrs Margaret Thatcher did not command universal admiration on the doorsteps of Newcastle.

He said: "Obviously the Prime Minister is not everyone's cup of tea, but nor are you or I. But very many people say: 'Thank goodness for Mrs Thatcher'."

Mrs Kinnock said that Mr Nock was talking "absolute nonsense".

She said: "I am a member of CND, but obviously not everybody in the Labour Party has to be a member of CND -

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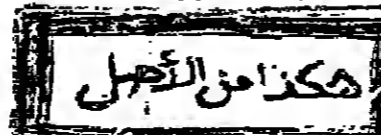
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Clean up campaign

City fraud

Changes in law aim to give fraudsters 'no hiding place'

Progress made into Lloyd's fraud

THE CITY

Many of the problems confronting the investigation into former members of Lloyd's had now been overcome and steady progress was being made by the Fraud Investigation Group...

£750,000 to smarten Britain

ENVIRONMENT

A £750,000 programme, called UK2000, to focus on projects for improving the environment and creating jobs...

national voluntary organizations would act as agents - the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, the Civic Trust...

The new organization would be outside government and would be directed by a board on which participating voluntary organizations would be represented...

The chairman would be Mr Richard Branson, Chairman of the Virgin Group. Other independent members would be Mr John Deaton, Head of External Relations for the Rover Group...

The Department of Environment would pay grants to the participating agents and the new organization of about £750,000 in 1986-87 and at least at that level in the next two years...

To add to the MSC would contribute through the community programme the costs of providing temporary jobs for long-term unemployed people...

Dr Cunningham: Given the massive problems of dereliction, decay and neglect, additional initiatives, however modest, are worthy of support...

He asked how much additional money would be needed to fund many additional places the MSC would create and whether any permanent jobs would result...

Cash move a matter for the promoters

CHANNEL TUNNEL

The timing of the decision on when to go to the market for further equity on the Channel Tunnel was entirely a matter for the commercial judgement of promoters and their professional advisers...

Mr Paul Marland (West Gloucestershire, C) asked whether the initiative could help Ciderford in his constituency where marauding sheep were causing difficulties...

Mr Allan Roberts (Bristol, Lab): The Government is turning tragedy into farce. Having turned over responsibility for foreign aid to Bob Geldof...

Mr Walsgrave said this would not be the first time the scheme would deal with but would draw it to their attention...

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In addition to that (he said), there will be an estimated number of jobs each of Watford as a result of the purchasing of about £900 million worth of goods...

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pledged that there would be legislation on extradition in the next session of Parliament...

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said yesterday that ministers were considering early legislation based on recommendations from the Roskill committee...

Mr Hurd, who was addressing the English Speaking Union in Oxford, said: "A great deal of serious crime now transcends national boundaries and makes use of the separation of national jurisdiction in order to evade detection or punishment..."

He said: "Our aim is to ensure that there can be no hiding place for criminals anywhere in the world. The measures we already have in train make that begin to look an increasingly realistic and attainable aim..."

The Roskill committee recommended that the law of evidence should be reformed so that documents, including those of overseas origin, could become admissible in criminal proceedings...

Provisions should be made for taking oral evidence abroad to be presented in court. The proposed changes are among innovations with which Mr Hurd intends to tackle international crime...

Amendments to the Public Order Bill have been tabled by Lord Stanley of Alderley, the Conservative peer, to make it a criminal offence to drive on to private land without permission and to cause damage or harassment...

Lord Glenamara, the Fine Arts Minister, is not expected to support the new clauses, but he will promise peers a new clause against trespass aimed specifically at stopping the invasion of private land by hippies...

Lord Stanley, who farms in Oxfordshire and Anglesey, north Wales, is campaigning on behalf of the National Farmers' Union to make trespass a criminal offence...

He said that he did not want to stop people, such as ramblers and huntsmen, from going on to his land. The nightmare was to find a way of not offending those people, while banning anti-vivisectionists, animal liberationists and others who caused damage to land and buildings...

The Government is preparing for debate on some of the Bill's controversial new powers against riot and harassment during its committee stage tomorrow...

Lord Scarman and Lord Elwyn-Jones, the former Lord Chancellor, whose opinions carry weight in the Lords, will try to scrap a clause which gives the police much more power to arrest hoodlums and vandals...

At present the Bill makes it a criminal offence to swear or scrawl graffiti "with-in the hearing or sight of a person likely to be caused harassment, alarm or distress"...

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Havers pledge on answers to Commons

PROSECUTIONS

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, said in the Commons he would remain open-minded to suggestions for decisions or actions that he or the Director of Public Prosecutions and his headquarters staff took on prosecution matters...

He intended to adopt the proposals set out in the White Paper on An Independent Prosecution Service for England and Wales. For reasons given in the paper, however, he did not think it appropriate to answer in detail the questions...

Mr Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, told Mr Jack Dormand (Essex, Lab) that he was considering how to maintain the vital campaign against drink-driving...

Mr Dormand said drink-driving was the scourge of modern society. There was no excuse for drunken-driving. It was an offence that ought to carry a prison sentence automatically...

Mr Bottomley, declining to pick up the point about automatic jail sentences, said the Transport Department had published a free booklet giving the facts about drink and driving, showing that people did not have to

MPs should be able to debate allegations

MIS OPERATIONS

Australian MPs were being given privileges and rights over a sensitive United Kingdom security matter which British Members of Parliament were not allowed to raise...

He said the Attorney General (Sir Michael Havers) had succeeded in obtaining injunctions against The Guardian and The Observer newspapers, preventing them from printing allegations contained in an Observer article on June 22...

However, an Australian publication the Australian Financial Review had referred last week to MIS activities at an international conference held in London...

Also, CBS national radio programme in Sydney had discussed certain aspects of the membership of the then Mr Harold Wilson...

He asked the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): Have you considered the ridiculous position in which we find ourselves?

The Australian Parliament are freely discussing matters which are the subject of court proceedings in this country, while we are not...

It is not out of the question that the sub judice rules were examined as they relate to our Parliament?

The Speaker said that if Mr Campbell-Savours liked to try his luck in the competition for adjournment debates, he would try to attend...

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Edinburgh games debate refused

BOYCOTT

The second attempt in three sitting days to secure an emergency debate in the Commons about the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh failed...

Mr Dennis Cassam (Falkirk West, Lab) said the sportsport in No.10 Downing Street was putting misplaced loyalty to President Botha before her country and the Commonwealth by refusing to implement effective sanctions against the Pretoria regime...

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listed as an historic building, or even an old ornamental stone urn in its garden...

Even the garden itself can now be listed thanks to the efforts of Dr Christopher Thacker, garden historian with English Heritage, the ancient monuments quango, and Miss Elaine Harwood, his assistant...

They scour England for gardens started before 1939 and compile official lists for each county. They expect to have tracked down about 1,200 gardens by the spring of next year...

A listed garden may include a listed urn or statue which depends for its effect on the original setting of lawns and trees. If the owner smashes the urn or statue, he is guilty of a

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Leeds Castle in Kent, where the official registry of historic gardens may be housed.

breach of listed building regulations. If he uproots their essential setting and replaces it with two and lurid bedding plants, he has committed no offence in law...

"I went to one historic garden in Buckinghamshire and found that from 15 acres in the 1940s it had gone down to three-quarters of an acre, and a lot of desirable bijou residences had been built on the rest," Dr Thacker recalled. He thinks the value of the register of gardens of historic interest lies in its impact on owners and on local council planning officers...

The presence of a garden on the register may persuade them to oppose a building or road development if it would destroy a fine garden. "Some

of the owners are not very historically-minded," Dr Thacker said. "We often have to put them gently right when they tell us things about Queen Elizabeth I or Charles II and the oak tree..."

Some owners were worried about the register being used to influence planning decisions, he added. Already more than 20 planning cases had been referred to his office because of the possibility that a historic garden might be threatened with destruction or damage...

He has not yet managed to ease the concern of owners that if they are expected to keep a garden permanently in its original state, they will face extremely high labour costs. Concluded

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# Action is urged on 'scandal' of 2,000 asthma deaths a year

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Many of the 2,000 people in Britain who die each year from asthma could be saved with better understanding and treatment of the disease, Mr Hugh Faulkner, the director of the Asthma Research Council, said yesterday.

His deaths were a scandal, he said. "We know that many of these deaths are unnecessary and we must work urgently towards a rapid fall in the numbers."

"We need to know why people die of asthma, why sometimes treatment does not work and why doctors do not recognize the condition more readily."

About two and a half million people in Britain were known to suffer from asthma, but there were large numbers of others who were undiagnosed and who would benefit from treatment, Mr Faulkner said.

He was speaking on the publication of the council's annual report. Last year the council raised £100,000 for research and is presently funding 40 projects.

Dr Donald Lane, a consultant chest physician at the

Churchill Hospital, Oxford, and chairman of the Asthma Society, said: "Doctors, patients and relatives need to know how to recognize the early signs and symptoms of asthma so that it does not go undiagnosed for months or years on end."

"To find more hidden asthmatics we will look again to general practitioners and also to the school medical services for increased awareness and vigilance," he said in the report.

The society is spreading information about asthma within the medical profession, and particularly among family doctors.

Among the research projects is an investigation of the condition in babies, for whom there is little specific treatment. New techniques developed at the Royal Post-graduate Medical School, Hammersmith, west London, have enabled researchers to find out why wheezing babies often fail to respond to standard anti-asthma treatment.

As a result, clinical trials are now being conducted of various forms of therapy.



# Woman to lead expedition to the South Pole

By Nicholas Beeston

Three quarters of a century after the Antarctic was conquered in a fierce polar contest between British and Norwegian explorers, a team from the two countries, led by a woman, is setting off to retrace the route over the world's most inhospitable continent.

Dr Monica Kristensen, aged 36, a glaciologist from Oslo, will lead three men, one Briton and two Danes, 1,800 miles on skis from the Bay of Whales to the South Pole and back in three months.

At the expedition's launch yesterday at the Royal Geographic Society

in London, Dr Kristensen said: "It is any explorer's dream to lead an expedition to the South Pole. We are still making hectic preparations and it is a formidable undertaking, but so far it is all going to plan."

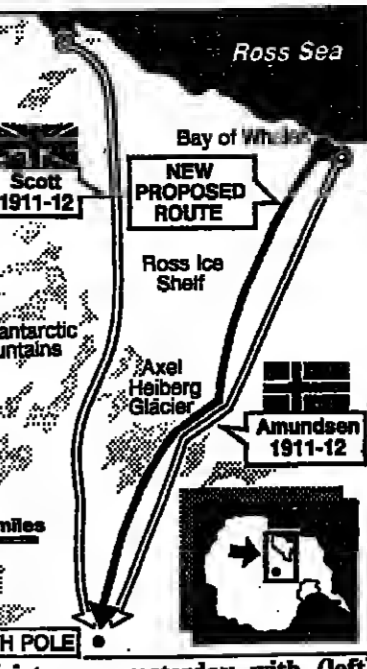
The route was last taken in 1911 when Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, became the first man to reach the South Pole. His British rival, Captain Scott, and the men on his expedition perished.

The idea for the commemorative expedition, called 90° South, was hatched five years ago by Dr Kristensen, when she was studying at Cambridge for her PhD in glaciology. The British member is Dr Neil

McIntyre, aged 28, a scientist at the University of London's Mullard Space Science Laboratory, who was one of Dr Kristensen's student colleagues. He worked with her on the project from its inception. They hope to carry out research during the expedition, which sets off in November.

Dr McIntyre said: "We have worked very hard to get this project going. There will be many obstacles, but each of us is experienced and we have every confidence in Monica's ability."

The two other members are Sergeant Jacob Larsen, aged 26, and Sergeant Jesper Andersen, aged 25,



Dr Kristensen yesterday with (left) Lord Shackleton and Sir Vivian Fuchs; and the route. (Photograph: Peter Trivnor)

# Mortgage cut 'will increase homeless'

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

The Government's plans to cut mortgage interest payments to unemployed home owners, estimated to save £30 million in benefit payments, is criticized in a report published today by Shelter, the national campaign for the homeless.

The report claims that it will lead to a rise in the number of homeless people in the country and also that it will lead to increases in mortgage arrears.

Mr Roger Matthews, head of research at Shelter, and author of the report, said: "Increased homelessness might be avoided if the Government had made suitable arrangements with lending organizations."

Shelter is concerned that the estimated savings take no account of the extra costs if families become homeless. Government figures put savings at £200 for each claimant, but if they became homeless that figure would be swallowed up by just one week's bed and breakfast bill, paid for by the Government, Mr Matthews added.

Last week Mr Tim Melville-Ross, chief general manager of the Nationwide Building Society, said that it would be "very unkeen" to pick up the bill.

# New dwarf cherry tree developed

By John Young Agriculture Correspondent

New dwarf cherry trees, which can be grown close together and protected by nets, may soon be helping to revive the home-grown fruit industry.

Although cherries are as much in demand as ever, the number of traditional English orchards has declined steeply in the past 30 years, the gap being filled by imports from, among other countries, Italy, France and the United States.

One reason is that large trees spaced 40 ft or more apart are uneconomic to pick and manage.

"Growers have also had to contend with fluctuating yields, disease and the difficulty of preventing birds from devastating the crop."

Scientists at the East Malling Research Station, in Kent, have developed a rootstock known as Colt, which has achieved rapid popularity because it enables trees to be grown as little as 15 ft apart; it also crops well in the early years and is easy to propagate.

The scientists are hoping to develop still smaller trees which, when treated with a chemical growth regulator, Caltar, will enable most of the fruit to be picked from the ground.

Caltar is already in use by apple and pear growers, and is expected to be cleared for use on cherries and other stone fruits next year.

A further advantage of small trees is that they can be protected from birds by netting. Two new systems, one shaped like a tent and the other like a cage, have proved successful in trials.

Emphasis in developing new varieties has been largely concentrated on late, high-yielding black cherries.

The red-and-yellow fruit, which is still much in demand, is said to be less easy to cultivate and more prone to disease.

# MPs no match for children

By Raymond Keene Chess Correspondent

A team of children from London primary schools chosen by the Inner London Education Authority, defeated a team of MPs by 6-0 on Monday in the Jubilee Room of the House of Commons.

Individual results were: Selim (Mayflower Primary School) defeated Stan Thorne (MP for Preston); Lon Whittaker (Adamsrill Junior School) defeated John Silkin (MP for Deptford); Paul Griffiths (Moorfields Primary School) defeated Peter Rost (MP for Erewash); Richard Gardner (St John's, Watworth, CE Primary School) defeated Robert Rhodes James (MP for Cambridge); Graham Neady (St Paul's RC Junior School) defeated Nicholas 'Boson' (MP for Uppingham) and Steven Jackson (Granard Junior School) defeated Ian Mikardo (MP for Bow and Poplar).

Concorde for Caribbean

Concorde, flagship of British Airways, is to fly a through service to the Caribbean starting on December 20.

Air Jamaica and British Airways have reached agreement to operate a weekly flight for 12 weeks, Mr Tony Hart, Air Jamaica chairman, said yesterday. Concorde will leave Heathrow at 10.30 am on Saturdays for a five-hour flight to Montego Bay with a stop at New York. The return fare will be about £3,104.

# Man's throat cut in accident

Mr Kenneth Cross, aged 45, died yesterday after his throat was cut accidentally while he was laying paving stones at his home in Ton Glas, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan. The stone-cutting machine's blade shattered and fragments severed an artery in his neck.

According to a friend, Mr Cross walked into the house with his throat cut, but there was nothing his wife could do.

# Final decision on legal aid payment

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, will announce his final decision on the pay increase for lawyers doing for criminal legal aid work tomorrow, the deadline for the close of negotiations.

Since his confidential revised pay offer two weeks ago, negotiations have taken place between his officials and representatives of the Bar and the Law Society to secure further improvements.

With his final decision, to be communicated to both branches in letters, Lord Hailsham will provide a draft of any necessary regulations, and would immediately proceed to draw them up.

The original offer from Lord Hailsham was believed to be a total package of 10 per cent for the Bar and about 11.5 per cent for solicitors, to take account of their higher overheads.

Both figures include 5 per cent paid in April as a routine uprating for inflation. The offers are staggered, with some money payable at once and more available if reforms to working practices are agreed.

Negotiations between the profession and the Lord Chancellor started in March according to a binding timetable agreed after the Bar's successful High Court proceedings, taken after the 5 per cent offer for inflation.

Lord Hailsham was accused of acting unlawfully in failing to negotiate with the profession on the level of criminal legal aid fees; and for failing to provide a fair and reasonable rate of pay as he is required to do by statute.

Under the timetable, discussions on earnings submitted by both sides of the profession had to be completed by May 30. Any fresh pay proposals had to be made by June 27; and final negotiations had to be completed by July 16.

Both the Bar and Law Society are expected to make public an immediate response to the offer.

But a decision on whether to return to the courts to argue that it is still not a fair and reasonable rate of pay will have to await the next council meeting of the Law Society on July 24 and the annual general meeting of the Bar on July 26.

# Hats off to Nigel

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Nigel Mansell won the British Grand Prix on Sunday. He now leads the Drivers Championship and with Nelson Piquet taking a closely fought second place, the Williams team have increased their lead in the Constructors Championship.

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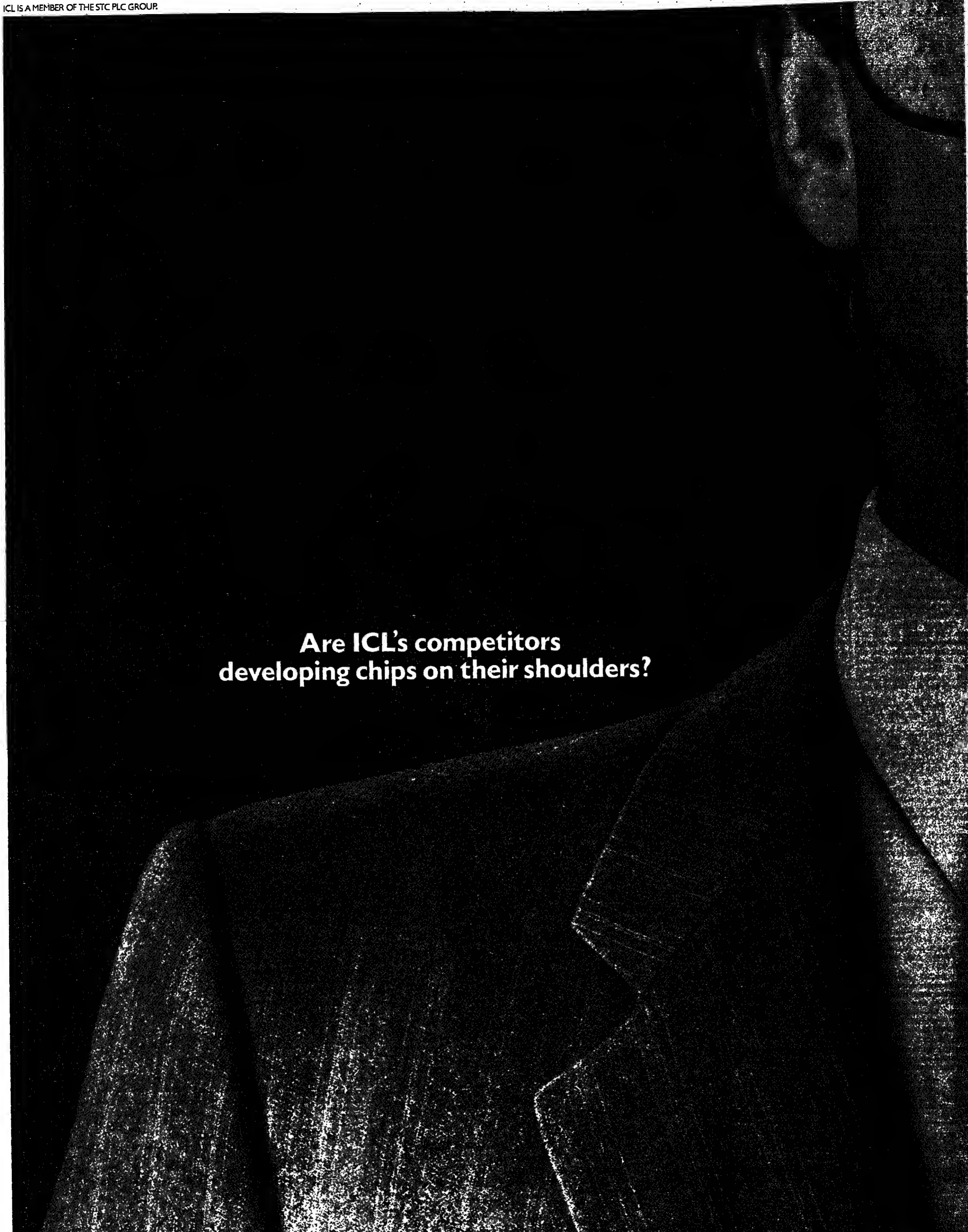
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# South Africa says calm reigns in its schools Black townships tense as pupils return under strict new regulations

From Michael Hornshy, Johannesburg

Black pupils drifted back to school yesterday throughout South Africa after an extended winter holiday, under strict new regulations designed to weed out political activists and "troublemakers".

The level of attendance varied widely and it is likely to be several days before the impact of the new measures can be fully assessed. The mood was tense in many black townships, but by late afternoon no incidents of violence had been reported.

The Government's Bureau for Information claimed last night, on the basis of a "preliminary analysis", that at least 80 per cent of black pupils returned to school and "the atmosphere at the majority of schools is orderly and calm".

On the Government's figures, this would mean that 340,000 of the 1,700,000 black youngsters eligible by age to attend the 7,000 schools under the jurisdiction of the Department of Training and Education failed to come to school.

Meanwhile, the call by the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) for a "day of action" to protest against the detention of trade union officials under the state of emergency appeared to have met with only a limited response from black workers.

The Labour Monitoring Group, an independent body, estimated that no more than 12 per cent of workers in general, and 18 per cent of Cosatu members, went on strike in the Pretoria-Johannesburg-Vereeniging area, the country's most industrialized region.

In Port Elizabeth, the secretary of the local chamber of commerce, Mr Tony Gilson, said there had been a "partial stay-away from work", while in East London the municipal administration was brought to a halt by a strike by most of its black employees.

The South African subsidiary of General Motors, which is based in Port Elizabeth, closed its plant at midday after many of its employees failed to report for work. Many of those who did come to work later asked to be allowed to go home.

The mines, apart from stoppages at three collieries, were reported to be free of protest action. A spokesman for the National Union of Mine-workers said the release from detention last Friday of Mr Elijah Baray, its president, might have defused workers' anger.

Plans for protest action in northern Natal and the Western Cape were cancelled, mainly because the detention of trade union officials and restrictions on union meetings had made organization impossible.

In the Durban area, protests were reported to have taken the form of lunch-time meetings, sit-ins and go-slows. It is possible more activity of this kind may have occurred than has so far been reported.

The poor response to the "day of action" can be attributed to both the difficulty of organising under emergency conditions and to differences among trade union leaders. Cosatu's smaller rival, the Council of Trade Unions of South Africa, is linked to the black consciousness movement and opposed the protest.

Under the new system, all pupils on arrival at school have to register their names with a government official who is empowered to turn away any pupils without giving reason.

In a tour of Soweto yesterday, I saw many children of school age, some in uniform, some not, loitering at corners or walking in the streets. Attendance was clearly higher at primary schools.

It seems probable that the authorities will allow pupils a few days to register and enrol, but after that any who have failed to do so could find themselves shut out of school for the rest of term.

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## Officials smooth the path

By George Hill

Two senior Foreign Office officials are keeping up the momentum of Sir Geoffrey Howe's mission against sanctions while he entertains the Soviet Foreign Minister in London.

Mr Ewen Ferguson, a former Ambassador to South Africa, is in Pretoria smoothing the way for Sir Geoffrey's meetings with President Botha later this month, while Mr Derek Thomas, who ranks second in the Foreign Office's London hierarchy after the Permanent Under-Secretary, is in Japan and has already visited Australia. Both officials will be back in London by the middle of the week.

Both rank as deputy under-secretaries, although Mr Thomas's appointment as political director makes him formally the more senior of the two. Aged 56, he has held

diplomatic appointments in Moscow, the Philippines, Canada, Paris and Washington, where he was minister until 1984. He is especially experienced in financial affairs, and was seconded to the Treasury in 1969-70.

He was a member of the British delegation in the abortive negotiations in Brussels over Britain's entry into the EEC in 1961-62.

A member of the oarsmen's club, Leander, and a former midshipman in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, he spends as much time as he can in and around the water. He went to Radley, a rowing school, and read Modern Languages at Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Mr Ferguson, aged 53, has been the deputy Under-Secretary with special responsibility for Africa and the Middle East since 1984. He is a former

Oxford rugby Blue and Scottish international, a background which helps to smooth the flow of small talk in South Africa, where the game is keenly followed.

As ambassador in Pretoria until 1984, his contacts there are still in good repair, and he was a natural choice for the delicate mission of trying to protect Sir Geoffrey from the embarrassment of having to come home empty-handed.

Early in his Foreign Office career, which he embarked on after two years in the Army, he served in the Addis Ababa Embassy in the days of Haile Selassie. He served in the Trade Development Office in New York in 1967, and was counsellor and head of chancery in Britain's permanent office with the EEC in Brussels for four years.

He was educated at Rugby and Oriel College, Oxford.

## Stability sought at Nairobi summit

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Six African presidents — from Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zaire and Kenya — and the Sudanese Prime Minister, Sadik al-Mahdi, met here yesterday for a two-day summit with the emphasis on consolidating stability and co-operation in the east and central African region.

Each of the visiting leaders, accompanied by a party of ministers and officials, was given a red-carpet welcome by President Moi, the host, and crowds of Kenyans turned out to see them arrive.

A formal meeting of the group opened later in the day in the Nairobi Conference Centre, and last night President Moi was hosting a banquet at State House. A further formal session is due this morning.

The first meeting of this group of leaders was in Goma, Zaire, at the end of January, soon after President Museveni had taken over in Uganda. A further meeting was held in Entebbe, Uganda, in March, when the leaders declared their wish to strengthen political, economic, social and cultural ties.

All the states involved use the Kenyan port of Mombasa for some or all of their imports and exports, and are therefore concerned to maintain good relations with Kenya.

However, the group has few other obvious common links: it embraces English, French and Arabic language groups, for instance.

Yesterday's meeting was the first to be attended by Mr Sadik al-Mahdi, who became Prime Minister after elections in Sudan earlier this year.



President Mitterrand of France and General Fennébrèque, the Military Governor of Paris, reviewing the troops yesterday during ceremonies marking Bastille Day.

## Iran claims success in assault on marsh

Tehran (Reuters) — Iranian forces killed or wounded 150 Iraqi troops in an overnight amphibious assault on Iraqi positions in marshes on the southern Gulf war front, Tehran Radio reported.

It claimed the Iranian troops destroyed four Iraqi tanks, five boats, five ammunition dumps and several vehicles in the raid near the southern Majnoon Island.

## Plea put off

Kuala Lumpur (Reuters) — The Penang High Court postponed indefinitely a case filed by a lawyer for the hanged Australian drug trafficker Kevin Barlow, challenging the Penang Pardons Board's rejection of his clemency plea.

## 50-car pile-up

Rio de Janeiro (Reuters) — At least 15 people were killed and more than 100 injured in a 50-car pile-up on a highway near São José dos Campos.

## Cool heads

Kuwait (Reuters) — Kuwaiti science club members have invented an air-conditioned helmet to combat the desert emirate's fierce heat.

## In good heart

Madrid — Salvador Dali, the 82-year-old Catalan surrealist painter, is progressing satisfactorily in a Barcelona clinic after doctors inserted a heart pacemaker.

## Correction

A report from Paris on July 11 should have made clear that, in addition to charges relating to the deportation of Jews, Klaus Barbie, the Nazi SS leader, will also face trial accused of the deportation of non-Jewish resistance fighters. The appeal court has ruled that this, too, is a "crime against humanity".

## Police to investigate Shin Bet affair

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

An unhappy Israeli Cabinet voted by 14 to 11 yesterday to allow a police investigation into the Shin Bet affair.

Labour members of the Cabinet, headed by Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, had wanted a wider judicial inquiry but were outvoted by ministers representing the small religious parties.

The day-long meeting began with the reluctant acceptance that there was no longer any way of preventing some kind

of inquiry into the deaths of two Palestinians in the custody of Shin Bet — the counter-intelligence agency — and into the cover-up that followed.

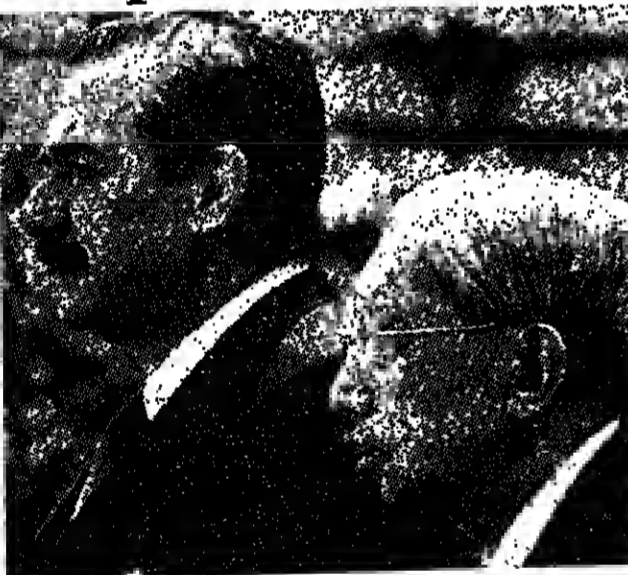
Labour accepted the advice of Mr Yosef Harish, the Attorney-General, that a judicial inquiry would be more secret and less damaging to state security. But Likud feared, in the words of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, its leader, that this would be an unguided missile able to probe dangerously into the political background of the case.

Likud, therefore, marginally preferred what it hopes will be a more restricted inquiry, despite Mr Harish's warning that it means Shin Bet agents can be questioned like common criminals.

Mr Harish will ask the High Court here today that the investigators, witnesses and subjects for the inquiry be kept secret.

The vote means that the Cabinet has agreed to the inquiry that was ordered in May by the previous Attorney-General, Mr Yitzhak Zamir. He was replaced a week later.

## Japan aids Alfonsín



Tokyo (Reuters) — The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, yesterday promised President Alfonsín of Argentina that Japan would lend Argentina \$100 million (£66.6 million) to help it revitalize its economy, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

President Alfonsín is pictured above with Emperor Hirohito, who welcomed him here yesterday for a five-day visit.

The Foreign Ministry

spokesman said yesterday that Japan, which accounted for almost 15 per cent of Argentina's total foreign debts of about \$50 billion, wanted to encourage democracy in the country and boost its economy. He said the terms of the multi-purpose loan would be settled today.

The two leaders agreed to establish a small study group of non-governmental experts to discuss economic and cultural co-operation, the ministry spokesman said.

## Saudis lift lash threat on nurse

Canberra (AP) — An Australian nurse sentenced to 65 lashes in Saudi Arabia for drinking alcohol has been released on condition that she leave the country by the end of the week.

Miss Diane Elizabeth Bartram, aged 34, was arrested on July 1 at Khamis Mushat, 994 miles south of Riyadh, where she had been working in the military hospital for the past three years.

Mr Jim Dollymore of the Australian Foreign Affairs Department said Miss Bartram had been collected from jail by fellow workers and was in good health. He said arrangements were being made for her to leave the country but it was not known whether she would be returning to Australia.

The Australian ambassador in Riyadh had been seeking an audience with the governor when news of Miss Bartram's release came.

Under Saudi Arabia's Islamic law, those who consume alcohol are publicly caned. They are forced to lie in the town square after prayers on the Friday sabbath and are beaten with a long cane.

## US Congress in session Election issues loom large

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US Congress returned to Washington yesterday to begin a new summer session likely to produce bitter political confrontations over budget priorities, tax reform and foreign policy issues.

Election concerns loomed large as all House members and one third of the Senate rushed to complete legislation in the 45 working days left before the 99th Congress adjourns for good on October 3. On the schedule for early action are crucial decisions on reducing the federal deficit.

Also on the agenda are important votes on the confirmation of President Reagan's two Supreme Court nominees, Mr William Rehnquist as Chief Justice and Mr Antonin Scalia as associate justice; the historic reversion of the nation's tax laws which House-Senate conferees plan to take up this week; and another confrontation over President Reagan's request for \$100

million in military aid to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. Mr Reagan won his first battle in support of the Contras in the House, but now faces a similar confrontation in the Senate, where he appears to have sufficient votes.

Less certain is the outcome of proposed economic sanctions against South Africa, which Mr Reagan opposes strongly. As the election approaches, congressional support for the sanctions has been growing, especially in largely black urban districts where demonstrations against the Botha Government have been frequent.

Mr Reagan's request for money to finance the Star Wars space-based missile system is also scheduled for congressional action during the summer session. Mr Reagan's decision to terminate voluntary compliance with the Salt 2 treaty is likely to meet stiff resistance in the Senate where it is scheduled for action late in August.

The issues before Congress are numerous and highly controversial. The Senate majority leader, Mr Robert Dole, has threatened to keep Congress in session past the August 15 scheduled recess.

On the budget question, Congress must now begin work under a fallback provision in the law which will force it to resume its battle with the White House. Both Houses must decide how best to reduce the deficit in the 1987 fiscal year, which begins on October 1. Congress continues to insist on big defence cuts while President Reagan remains adamantly opposed to the tax increases — which many legislators support — to reduce the record deficit, which is projected at more than \$200 billion.

As a result of the Supreme Court decision on the budget law, Congress must also act within 60 days to ratify \$11.7 billion in cuts for the 1986 fiscal year which went into effect last winter.

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# Israeli air raid hits guerrilla mountain bases

From Juan Carlos Guncio, Ainah, Lebanon

Israeli planes yesterday bombed three Palestinian guerrilla positions near this mountain village, 12 miles south-east of Beirut, killing four men and wounding at least 12 others. Two of the casualties were Druze fighters of the Progressive Socialist Party of Mr Wahid Jumblatt.

The morning bomb and rocket attacks flattened a house occupied by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), led by Dr George Habash, and a six-storey stone building and adjacent house used by the Moscow-oriented Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP).

Hours after the raid in the Druze-controlled hills, bulldozers were still removing the rubble under clouds of white smoke from a bushfire sparked by the bombs. A spokesman for the PFLP, who identified himself as Abu Khaled, told reporters at the scene that the house was empty at the time of the attack. "We were expecting an Israeli raid," he said as young guerrillas dug out documents, books and magazines from the piles of shattered cement and pulverized stone heaped with pine tree branches ripped down by the blasts.

Abu Khaled said four F 15 fighter bombers, making four sorties, drew heavy ground fire from anti-aircraft batteries installed in the central and Chouf mountains, the stronghold of the Progressive Socialist Party.

Beirut radios quoted police as saying 10 F 15 bombers and two Phantom jets took part in the Israeli raids on Ainah, which were the second to occur in five days and the fifth since January.

Last Friday, Israeli helicopter gunships rocketed Palestinian guerrilla offices in the Bin Hillwan refugee camp south of Sidon. Seventeen hours earlier, two Israeli soldiers were killed in a joint infiltration attempt by Palestinian and Lebanese guerrillas.

Mr Mandoub Nawfal, a member of the DFLP's politburo, said the air raid on Ainah was in retaliation for "increasing guerrilla operations in the West Bank". It came just hours after a bomb planted in a rubbish bin exploded in central Tel Aviv on Sunday night, injuring a woman.

Both left-wing guerrilla organizations operate from the Syrian capital of Damascus.



The wrecked office of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine in Ainah, after yesterday's Israeli air raid.

## Jailed French agents leave for atoll next week

Wellington (Reuter) — The two French agents jailed for their part in the sinking of the Greenpeace flagship Rainbow Warrior will leave New Zealand next week under the terms of an agreement mediated by the United Nations.

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, yesterday said an Air Force plane would take Major Alain Mafart and Captain Dominique Prieur to an unspecified destination in the Pacific before July 22 and 25. There they would be handed over to French authorities who would then take them in the tiny Pacific atoll of Hao.

Under the settlement announced last week between Wellington and Paris, it was agreed the agents would be transferred to the military supply base of Hao for three years of restricted assignment.

In return, France would pay Wellington \$7 million (£4.5 million) in compensation.

A television opinion poll taken on Sunday showed that public anger over the settlement was abating in New Zealand, with approval climbing to 42 per cent from the 30 per cent recorded immediately after it was announced last week.

Of those polled, 45 per cent still disapproved of the release of the agents, compared with 63 per cent last week.

## Lubbers names Cabinet Dutch finalize new austerity package

The Hague (Reuter) — The reshaped cabinet of the Prime Minister, Mr Ruud Lubbers, held its first session yesterday to finalize a package of renewed austerity measures, the cornerstone of the centre-right Government's policy plans.

The coalition of Mr Lubbers' Christian Democrats and right-wing Liberals will be sworn in by Queen Beatrix when the two parties have approved plans for next year's tough state budget.

Mr Lubbers named his new team on Saturday, ending two months of hard negotiations between the parties, who together hold a 12-seat parliamentary majority after the May elections.

The new Cabinet's policy agreement, finalised last week, focuses on continued public spending cuts to boost the Dutch economy and tackle unemployment, which is still running at 15 per cent. Although analysts say the economy appears to be back on the right track, new budget plans call for continued cuts of 20 billion guilders (£5.3 bn) over four years.

Commentators say the accord also paves the way for the deployment of Nato cruise missiles by 1988.

Mr Lubbers, aged 47, steered his Christian Democrats to victory in the May polls but the Liberals saw their

popular support ebb, losing nine seats.

The new Cabinet — Prime Minister, Ruud Lubbers, CDA; General Affairs, Deputy Prime Minister, Rudolf de Korte, VVD; Economic Affairs, Home Affairs, Kees van Dijk, CDA; Foreign Affairs, Hans van de Broek, CDA; Development Co-operation, Pielt Bakman, CDA; Defence, Willem van Eekelen, VVD; Finance, Onno Ruding, CDA; Justice, Frits Kortbeek, CDA; Agriculture and Fisheries, Gerrit Braks, CDA; Education and Science, Wim Decman, CDA; Social Affairs and Employment, Jan de Koning, CDA; Health and Public Works, Neelke Doorn, CDA; VVD; Housing, Physical Planning, Ed Nijpels, VVD; Environment, Welfare, Health and Culture, Eelco Brinkman, CDA.

### Parliamentary line-up

Government Coalition		Seats
CDA — Christian Democratic Alliance		54
VVD — People's Party for Freedom and Democracy		27
Opposition		Seats
PvdA — Labour Party		52
D'66 — Democrats '66		9
SGP — Calvinist Party		3
PPR — Radical Party		2
PSP — Pacifist Socialist Party		1
RPF — Evangelical Pol.Fed.		1
GPV — Calvinist Pol.Union		1
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>

## Nuclear test monitoring

### Soviet scientists in Nevada mission

Moscow (Reuter) — A team of Soviet scientists will travel to the US nuclear test site in Nevada later this year to set up equipment for monitoring underground testing, Soviet and American scientists said yesterday.

Mr Yevgeny Velikhov, vice-president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, said the mission would be part of a private joint US-Soviet effort to demonstrate that verification of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty was possible.

Mr Thomas Cochran, the head of a private team of US scientists who began installing seismic monitoring equipment at a Soviet nuclear test site last week, said he expected the Soviet team to be in Nevada by November.

They were addressing a news conference after a meeting between the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, and an international panel of sci-

entists who urged him to extend a Soviet moratorium on nuclear testing beyond the current deadline of August 6.

In a unanimous declaration, the International Forum of Scientists for a Nuclear Test Ban also called on the US to declare a moratorium on nuclear testing.

The Reagan Administration has refused to halt testing, partly on the grounds that a ban would be impossible to verify. But US scientists said a technological breakthrough had made it possible to detect even very small explosions.

Mr Cochran said that Soviet scientists involved in the joint project with the US team from the New York-based Natural Resources Defence Council (NRDC) would be going to three stations around the Nevada test site.

Mr Velikhov said the Soviet authorities had agreed to cooperate with the Americans on an independent basis.

## Greenpeace snubbed by Moscow forum

Moscow (Reuter) — The Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, yesterday met an international panel of scientists seeking a comprehensive nuclear test ban, but the head of the Greenpeace environmental group was excluded from the talks.

The Greenpeace chairman, Mr David McTaggart, said he did not know why the International Forum of Scientists for a Nuclear Test Ban — about 200 Western and East bloc experts — had changed an original plan to allow him to attend the meeting.

"The scientists apparently decided that they didn't want to meet Gorbachev at the same time," Mr McTaggart said. He said the Soviet side had agreed he could join the talks.

Mr McTaggart said he would seek private talks with Mr Gorbachev to urge that Moscow extend its nuclear test moratorium beyond August 6, to call for an immediate end to Soviet whaling and to propose an international music festival in Moscow.

A multilateral Soviet moratorium on nuclear testing took effect on August 6, the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, and has been ex-

tended three times. Mr McTaggart said he would ask that it be continued through the end of the year.

"We came here to tell Gorbachev just to hang in there, because people outside are starting to believe in it," he said, adding that Greenpeace had campaigned for a nuclear test ban for 15 years and was pressing for a US moratorium as well.

Greenpeace criticized the Soviet Union for its initial delay in providing information about the April 26 Chernobyl nuclear accident, but Mr McTaggart said he did not intend to press the point with Mr Gorbachev.

"Five information is coming out," he said, adding that Moscow had now provided more details about Chernobyl than had been issued after nuclear accidents at Britain's Windscale power plant or at Three Mile Island in the United States.

Greenpeace, which has boarded Soviet fishing vessels as part of a worldwide "Save the Whales" campaign, would try to convince Moscow to halt whaling at once instead of next year as it has promised, Mr McTaggart said.

## Probe checks Chernobyl radiation level

Moscow (AP) — Scientists have created a system for measuring radiation in and above the ruined Chernobyl reactor by inserting a giant metal "needle" inside it, *Pravda* said yesterday.

Three helicopters were used to insert a 59ft steel tube about 3 1/2 in. in diameter and packed with instruments, *Pravda* said. Quoting a helicopter pilot, *Pravda* said two earlier attempts to insert the giant "needle" had failed because the pilot positioning the tube could not get it to penetrate a layer of unspecified material above the ruined reactor.

It was not clear from the account which burst in the fire at the reactor after it was ripped open by a chemical explosion early on April 26, or if it was of some of the tons of sand, lead and boron later dropped in the reactor to cut radiation emissions.

## Bhutto claims \$6 million for Zia allegations

From Hasan Akhtar Islamabad

Miss Benazir Bhutto, the leader of the Pakistan People's Party, has claimed damages of \$6 million (£3.8 million) from the publisher and editor of *Newsweek*, the American weekly magazine, for publishing an allegation that her political activities were funded by foreign sources.

The allegation was made by President Zia of Pakistan, and published in the July 7 issue of the magazine.

Miss Bhutto's lawyer, Mr Aizaz Ahsan, said *Newsweek* had been sent a legal notice demanding either an apology, or payment, within two weeks, for the damage caused to Miss Bhutto's reputation as a recognized political figure.

Mr Ahsan said a notice had also been posted in General Zia's

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# Chile bishops back strikers

From Lake Sagaris, Santiago

Chile's National Council of Roman Catholic Bishops visited imprisoned opposition leaders last weekend to deliver a letter of encouragement. Fifteen of the 17 leaders of the National Assembly of Civil Society (NACS), which called a two-day general strike earlier this month, have been jailed, charged with violating state security laws. The Council of Bishops also announced they would study the "moral aspects" of recent declarations by President Pinochet, who seized power in a military coup in 1973. During a visit to the southern city of Concepcion last week President Pinochet said he had no intention of giving up power in 1989. Chile's new Constitution, developed by the military Government in 1980, calls for

presidential "elections" in 1989, with the sole candidate being nominated by the four-man military junta. "This is going to continue beyond 1989," President Pinochet said. "We're not going to hand over the Government. Some people haven't understood that the Constitution allows 16 years: the first eight are to dictate laws and regulations and the eight that follow are to apply those laws." Opposition leaders and the Government's civilian supporters were disconcerted, to say the least, and the US State Department stepped up the force of its criticisms of the military Government. "We have reason to believe that Pinochet doesn't want any sort of transition to democracy," said Mr Elliot Abrams, Under-Secretary of

State for Inter-American Affairs. He warned that this would make relations between the two countries difficult. President Pinochet's comments have been interpreted to mean that he has, in effect, officially announced his intention to stand for election in 1989. He has left his civilian supporters with little room to manoeuvre in their attempts to win over centrist political parties. Members of the Movement for National Unity (MUN) and the Independent Union of Democrats (UDI), founded by former ministers of the military Government, have been arguing for general elections, with several candidates, in 1989. This proposal for minor changes in the 1980 Constitution has been the only real card up their sleeves in negoti-

ations with opposition parties. But President Pinochet's comments indicate any change in the Constitution is unlikely. Leaders of Chile's two major opposition coalitions have said President Pinochet's comments confirm that he's determined to remain in power indefinitely. His announcement closes the door to possible negotiations for peaceful political change, at least in the near future, and will probably mean more protests and strikes organized by opposition groups. Before his comments there was speculation that he was trying to convince them to support the continuation of the military Government beyond 1989, although it is widely believed that both the Air Force and the Navy oppose this idea.



Mrs Thatcher welcoming Mr Edvard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, for discussions at 10 Downing Street yesterday.

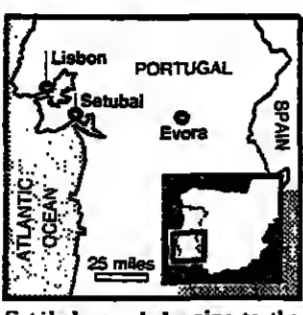
# Glut of beef puts strain on EEC

Brussels (Reuters) — Stocks of unwanted beef flooding into the European Community's storehouses have reached new crisis levels, underlining the urgent need for extensive reform of the sector, officials said yesterday. EEC ministers were told at the start of a two-day meeting that more than 11,000 tonnes of beef a week were going into cold stores at high guaranteed prices, further straining the EEC's rickety finances. A European Commission spokesman told reporters that more than 220,000 tonnes of beef had been bought in since January 1 — an increase of more than 50 per cent on the same period last year and close to a hudgeted ceiling of 300,000 for the entire year. The sales took place during a period of relatively high exports and pushed up total stocks to 750,000 tonnes. Storage costs alone drain the EEC's coffers by some \$240 million (£156 million) a year, he added. The ministers were holding their first full discussion of proposals from the European Commission for a radical scaling down of support payments. Diplomats said there was deep disagreement among the 12 over what to do. EEC farmers can at present sell into so-called intervention at fixed prices when they find no market outlets. The scheme is designed to act as a safety net, but recently market prices have dropped dramatically due to a world glut and farmers have tended to rely primarily on the support mechanism. The Netherlands and Britain broadly accept moves to limit the period of intervention severely. Other countries, led by Ireland and France, would prefer bringing support payments more in line with market prices, coupled with compensation payments for those worst affected. The issue will be referred to experts for further discussion pending a final decision by ministers later this year. The ministers also discussed new controversial structural plans to reduce food surpluses by paying farmers to take land out of production, or if they undertake to use it for non-agricultural purposes. Diplomats said several ministers had reservations over the schemes, which are supported by environmentalists.

# Lisbon flat blast kills two

From Martha de la Cal Lisbon

An unexplained explosion yesterday in a Lisbon flat killed two men and injured a third. The flat is owned by Colonel João Relvas of the Army reserve, who was away on holiday. But his son, João Manuel, and a friend were staying there. Both were killed in the blast, and a neighbour was injured. Police tentatively attributed the blast, which occurred in the flat's kitchen, to "the mishandling of explosives". An official said João Manuel Relvas was an activist in the radical left People's Democratic Union (UDP), but its leader and former MP, Senhor Mario Tome, denied this, claiming that such blasts were "political manoeuvres by the right-wing police to justify the passing in Parliament of a stiff internal security law". In the industrial town of



Setúbal, cars belonging to the administrator of the Entreposto company, Senhor José Manuel de Moura, and an engineer were destroyed. It was the third time Senhor de Moura's car had been bombed. The Entreposto Workers' Commission denied that workers were involved. A second bomb, near the Setúbal Post Office, destroyed five more cars. In the agrarian reform centre of Évora, bombs extensively damaged the house of the Count of Atalaia and the

property of a cattleman. The attacks were thought to be related to a meeting of farm workers which had just ended. The Government aims to modify the reform law, which allowed farm workers to form co-operatives after the 1974 revolution when hundreds of thousands of acres were confiscated from absentee landlords. Police said the bombings had the stamp of the FP25 guerrilla group, which has claimed responsibility for at least three dozen attacks since the beginning of last year. In spite of the fact that 45 of their members, along with the former revolutionary hero, Senhor Otelio Saraiva — accused of being their leader — have been on trial in Lisbon for more than 18 months, they have been responsible for the deaths of industrialists and National Republican Guardsmen and for countless bank robberies and bombings.

# Hong Kong meeting this month

Hong Kong (Reuters) — Chinese and British officials will hold a fourth round of talks in London next week on Hong Kong's future, the colony's Government said yesterday. It said the Joint Liaison Group, a Sino-British body set up to ease the transfer of power in the colony from Britain to China in 1997, will meet from July 22 to 25. Mr David Wilson, assistant Under-Secretary of State, will head the British delegation while the Chinese side will be led by Mr Ke Zaishuo. The Government did not give details of the discussions but a list of delegates showed technical specialists on immigration, economics and security would attend. Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule in 1997 but retains a high degree of autonomy.

# King Fahd pleads for agreement on oil

Bahrain (Reuters) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia yesterday urged an end to the crisis in the world oil market, saying there could be no rise in petroleum prices unless Opec reached agreement on quotas and output. "I have urged the Oil Minister (Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani) to bring an end to what is happening at Opec's next meeting," King Fahd was quoted by the official Saudi Press Agency as telling a Cabinet meeting. "There is no solution... We cannot achieve our aims of propping up prices unless Opec states agree on output and production quotas... This situation where each does what it wants is harmful..." The 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has set July 28 as the date for its next meeting. Opec met in Yugoslavia last month and decided by a nine-to-four majority to set a price market of \$17 to \$19 a barrel and an annual ceiling of 17.6 million barrels per day against output of about 19 million at present.

# Mexican parties to protest

From John Carlin Mexico City The ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) was yesterday preparing to claim a landslide victory in the Chihuahua state elections, while the opposition was planning a prolonged campaign of civil disobedience. Eight days after polling it seemed certain the PRI candidate for governor, Señor Fernando Baeza, would be announced the winner over the National Action Party (Pan) candidate, Señor Francisco Barrio, by a 2-1 margin. Amid sustained and widespread allegations of massive election fraud, the Roman Catholic Church has broken all precedent by urging protests against the Government's "abuse of power". Pan is planning demonstrations this week in Chihuahua's two biggest cities, the state capital (also called Chihuahua) and Ciudad Juárez. In the town of Parral a van was overturned and burnt by Pan supporters on Sunday with troops reportedly making four arrests. A group of about 700 women marched through Chihuahua in the evening.

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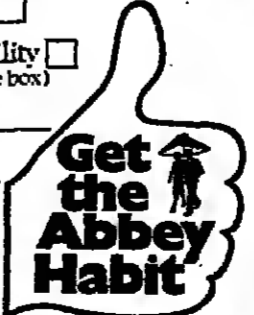
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# Manila rescue bid for seized nuns

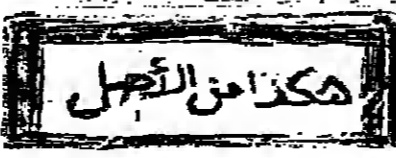
Manila (Reuters) — The military yesterday launched a large operation in the southern Philippines to rescue 10 Roman Catholic nuns and an American missionary kidnapped at the weekend as President Aquino pledged not to put the captives' lives in danger. A military spokesman said troops were in Lanao del Sur province in Mindanao to track down Muslim guerrillas thought to have abducted the Carmelite nuns from a secluded hillside convent and a Protestant missionary, Mr Brian Lawrence. "I do not know what the people behind these kidnappings hope to accomplish, except to discredit whatever it is they stand for, if they stand for anything more than payment of ransom," Mrs Aquino said. "We will not try to make a point at the risk of their lives. I am hopeful that they will come out of this safely," she added. Witnesses said that about 40 heavily-armed men broke into the convent near Marawi on Friday, herded the nuns on board two motorboats on Lake Marawi and took them to Ramasin, about six miles south-east of the provincial capital. Another group of armed men on Saturday dragged Mr Lawrence from his apartment in Mindanao State University and fled in a waiting car. They missed his wife, Carol, who hid in a cupboard, a military spokesman said. Brigadier General Pedro Balbastro, deputy chief of the armed forces' southern command, said the nuns' kidnappers were believed to be from a



Mrs Aquino: hopeful of safe rescue for victims. faction of the secessionist Moro National Liberation Front, but it was not clear who had abducted Mr Lawrence, a Baptist from Madison in Wisconsin. The kidnappers could be followers of political baron linked to the kidnapping in June of a French Roman Catholic priest, who was released unharmed after three weeks in captivity, he added. Military and government officials, assisted by Muslim leaders, have been trying to contact leaders of an armed group known as the "Barracudas", which was suspected of involvement in the kidnapping of Mr Lawrence. The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines has named Bishop Fernando Capalla as head of the team to negotiate with the kidnappers. The Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, has appealed to the kidnappers to release Mr Lawrence and the nuns, and said he would go to Marawi, 500 miles south-east of Manila, if his presence there would help local officials. economic nature, but spiritual and religious. "This means the Church is not called to take political decisions or choose sides in conflict, but to give with its spiritual strength its contribution to society to build and consolidate the human community." At the time of the expulsion of President Marcos, the Church in the Philippines played a crucial role. At the Vatican, the letter is interpreted as a reminder by the Pope of the Church's normal function.

# Pope calls on Church to support Aquino

From Peter Nichols, Rome The Pope, in a letter to the bishops of the Philippines published in the Vatican, calls on them to support the post-Marcos Government of President Aquino while recalling that the Church's role must remain spiritual and refrain from politics. He told the bishops that the Church's preferential option for the poor should be one of the principal lines of action in their ministries. "Such service, nevertheless, should be part of the Church's mission which is not of a temporal, social, political or



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# President promises poll as Dhaka opposition boycotts House debates

From Ahmed Fazl, Dhaka

President Ershad of Bangladesh yesterday said he would hold presidential polls by the first half of October this year as the country's opposition parties boycotted Parliament for the second day demanding an end to martial law - which has been in force for more than four years.

President Ershad said he had asked the election commission to fix a timetable for the country's third presidential poll in less than seven years. He said he would be a candidate after giving up his job as Army chief and that he

would keep martial law until after the election.

Sheikh Hasina Wazed, chief of Awami League, the largest opposition group in the Parliament, said the opposition would continue its boycott unless the Government ordered all soldiers back to their barracks.

As Sheikh Hasina went into a closed-door meeting with more than 100 opposition members in her office inside the Parliament House, pro-Government members belonging to the Jatiyo Party accused her of treason for announcing a "parallel" parliament last Thursday.

Sheikh Hasina held a session of her "parliament" outside the main entrance of the Parliament House in North Dhaka.

"We cannot take part in a farce where the Parliament and martial law are made to run together," Sheikh Hasina said.

The Prime Minister, Mr Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, said he had talks with Sheikh Hasina on the question of opposition participation in the Parliament, but he did not disclose the results of the talks.



President Ershad of Bangladesh, left, being greeted by the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, and his wife Sonia, right, when he arrived in Delhi yesterday at the start of his three-day state visit.

# Ershad co-operation pledge

Delhi (Reuters) - President Ershad of Bangladesh said yesterday he would seek to expand co-operation among South Asian nations during his three-day visit to India.

President Ershad, current chairman of the seven-nation South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), said on arrival at Delhi airport that several

steps had already been taken to increase co-operation. "It is now time to strengthen SAARC," he added.

Officials said President Ershad was due to meet the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, later yesterday.

The two countries differ over alleged Indian support for the tribal insurgency in Bangladesh's Chittagong Hill

Tracts, a border fence India is building in north-eastern Assam state, and sharing the waters of the Ganges River.

President Ershad ends his trip on Wednesday after a visit to the tomb of a Sufi saint, Khwaja Mohiuddin Chishti, in Ajmer in the western desert state of Rajasthan.

He will visit Pakistan later this month.

# Eight die in border bombing

Islamabad - At least eight Afghan refugees were killed when their tractor-towed trolley detonated a land mine about 25 miles from Parachinar near the Afghanistan frontier on Sunday.

The explosion came within 48 hours of another blast in Kurram agency which killed 12 people.

Pakistani authorities blame secret service agents from Kabul for the bombings. Reports from North West Frontier Province say there is panic among the population.

Mr Shaukat Durrani, Commissioner of Kohat Division, said the tractor-trolley hit an anti-tank mine planted by saboteurs.

# 39 killed in Tamil clashes

Colombo (AP) - As many as 39 people, most members of the Tamil minority, were reported killed yesterday in renewed fighting in Sri Lanka.

The National Security Ministry said in a communique that six soldiers and 18 Tamil separatists were slain in day-long heavy fighting on Sunday near the north-western coastal town of Mannar.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam challenged the official account, saying 30 Tamil civilians and seven troops were killed in the Mannar battles. It claimed seven of its fighters were wounded but that none had died.

Mr Anton Balasingham, exiled spokesman of the Tigers, said the 20 Tamil Hindus and 10 Muslims were "massacred" by the Army, which raided a village in search of rebels. He claimed that soldiers set 15 village homes and 20 shops on fire.

The ministry also reported a second large battle on Sunday south-east of Mannar, in which it claimed killing two "terrorists".

The communique said the fighting was at Killinochchi, a strategic town on the highway linking Colombo with the rebel stronghold of Jaffna, when an Army patrol came under guerrilla gunfire. The patrol returned the fire, killing two, it said. Rebels made no immediate comment on the reported incident.

Insurgent groups and the administration frequently give exaggerated and one-sided accounts of the civil war in Sri Lanka. These accounts are difficult to verify because of disrupted communications and government restrictions on travel to troubled areas.

The latest violence occurred as moderate Tamil leaders opened peace talks with President Jayewardene in Colombo on Sunday. The two sides are discussing a government peace proposal offering to grant limited regional autonomy to Tamils.

Five leading guerrilla groups are trying to force the Government to grant an independent homeland, to be called Eelam. Security forces have frequently responded to Tamil guerrilla attacks with bloody reprisals against Tamil civilians.

The Tamil moderate leaders, exiled in the southern Indian city of Madras, were persuaded to reopen peace negotiations by India, which is trying to mediate an end to the three-year Sri Lankan crisis, in which more than 4,000 people have died.

# Briton arrested after bail removed

From Martha Honey San José, Costa Rica

ABriton accused of being a mercenary, Peter Frederick Glibbery, aged 25, one of five foreign "soldiers of fortune" awaiting trial here, has been re-arrested after an American farmer, Mr John Hull, withdrew his bail.

Mr Hull, who two months ago posted 50,000 colones (\$666) each for the mercenaries, said in a telephone interview that Mr Glibbery planned to leave the country before his trial.

Mr Glibbery and his lawyer deny this. They say Mr Hull withdrew the bail because he is angered by Mr Glibbery's declarations that Mr Hull works for the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as the main liaison to the Nicaraguan Contras operating out of Costa Rica.

Mr Glibbery and another Englishman, John Davies, aged 26, both from Solihull, were first arrested with two Americans, a Frenchman, and nine Nicaraguans in April 1985 in a Contra camp on one of Mr Hull's farms in northern Costa Rica. They were jailed for a year awaiting trial on charges of illegal possession of explosives.

They were then released on bail but ordered to remain in Costa Rica until their trial which is expected to take place in October.

While in jail Mr Glibbery and Mr Steven Carr, an American, gave journalists, Costa Rican authorities and US congressional investigators details of CIA and Contra activities, including illegal shipments of arms from the US, discussions of terrorist plots, and collaboration with elements of Costa Rica's officially neutral Government.

After being released on bail, Mr Carr fled to the US, just before he was to testify on behalf of two journalists who were sued for libel by Mr Hull. Mr Carr said in a telephone interview from Florida that he had been "pressured" and "assisted" by the US Embassy here to leave the country rather than testify.

Mr Glibbery testified about Mr Hull's activities in the trial, which was won by the journalists. Mr Glibbery says he was urged by associates of Mr Hull not to testify, but that he is determined "to tell the truth".

He says he has no plans to leave Costa Rica before his trial and is willing, if subpoenaed, to testify before US congressional committees which are investigating allegations of Contra wrong doings.

Mr Glibbery is being held in a local jail outside San José awaiting a judge's decision on whether to again allow him out on bail.

# Space epic voyagers to return

Moscow (Reuters) - Soviet cosmonauts Leonid Kizim and Vladimir Solovyov will return to Earth on July 16 after four months in space.

Commander Kizim, aged 44, and engineer Solovyov, 39, blasted into space on March 13. They were the first men to work aboard the new orbital space station Mir before transferring on May 6 to the Salyut 7 station.

After seven weeks on the older station, they took their "space taxi", the Soyuz T 15 spacecraft, back to Mir along with advanced equipment from Salyut 7.

The two cosmonauts set a space endurance record of 238 days aboard Salyut 7 with Oleg Atkov in 1984.

# Vietnam's new leader

# Hanoi party opts for Truong Chinh

Hanoi (AFP) - The Vietnamese Communist Party yesterday elected the country's president, Mr Truong Chinh, as its leader, succeeding Mr Le Duan who died on Thursday, Tass said.

The agency said a special meeting of the party's Central Committee was held to choose a new leader.

Mr Le Duan died, aged 79, after suffering for several years from reported kidney and lung problems. His funeral will take place today.

Widely respected inside the party for his integrity, Mr Truong Chinh, aged 80, is universally known by his nickname, which means Long March. His real name is Nom Dang Xuan Khu.

He followed in the footsteps of his father, a teacher who was active in the nationalist movement, and joined Vietnam's revolutionary youth movement in 1927, later helping to form the Indo-Chinese Communist Party in 1930. Mr Truong Chinh was jailed a year later for his political activities, together with several other future leaders.

He was released the following year, and resumed his underground activities alongside such men as the future General Vo Nguyen Giap, who founded the Vietnamese People's Army in 1944.

Mr Truong Chinh fled to China in 1939 to escape the French colonial police. He joined the central committee of the Indo-Chinese Communist Party in 1940, moving up in 1941 to become secretary-general, a position second only to Mr Ho Chi Minh.

He was also responsible for propaganda and ideology, and during the colonial war with the French was in charge of secret service operations. The second party congress in 1951 re-appointed him secretary-general.

Throughout these early years, Mr Truong Chinh was leader of the Maoist faction within the party, and was one of the principal architects of



Mr Truong Chinh: taking the party reins.

the Chinese-styled agrarian reform that began in 1954.

The catastrophic results forced Ho Chi Minh to launch a campaign to counter its effects in 1956, in which Mr Truong Chinh was replaced by Mr Le Duan. But he remained a member of the politburo, and became a vice-premier in 1958.

He was re-appointed to the politburo by the third party congress two years later, and also became chairman of the permanent committee of the National Assembly.

After Ho Chi Minh's death in 1969 Mr Truong Chinh returned to the number two spot, behind Mr Le Duan.

He left his chairmanship of the National Assembly in 1981 for that of the State Council, a new executive body created by the assembly.

During the 10th central committee plenum in May, Mr Truong Chinh was designated *de facto* leader until the sixth party congress later this year.

MOSCOW: Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, signed a condolence book at the Vietnamese Embassy here to pay his respects to Mr Le Duan (Reuters reports).

The Soviet Union is one of only three countries invited to today's funeral in Hanoi, the others being Cambodia and Laos. Moscow will be represented by Mr Nikolai Ryukov, the Prime Minister, and the senior foreign policy adviser, Mr Anatoly Dobrynin.

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# Gujarat riot toll at 50

Ahmedabad (Reuters) - Police opened fire yesterday on crowds setting fire to shops on the sixth day of Hindu-Muslim rioting in which victims have been burnt alive and tossed from hospital windows.

Police said the death toll was at least 50 in violence across Gujarat state since Wednesday.

Forty of these came in an explosion of religious passion in Ahmedabad, where seven Muslims were burnt to death by mobs at the weekend.

A curfew was briefly relaxed to allow women and children to buy food in the debris-littered streets of the ancient walled quarter where the fighting first broke out.

More than 150 people have been injured in the clashes and more than 700 rioters arrested.

A 10,500-man security force was reinforced by 500 troops of the Border Security Force.

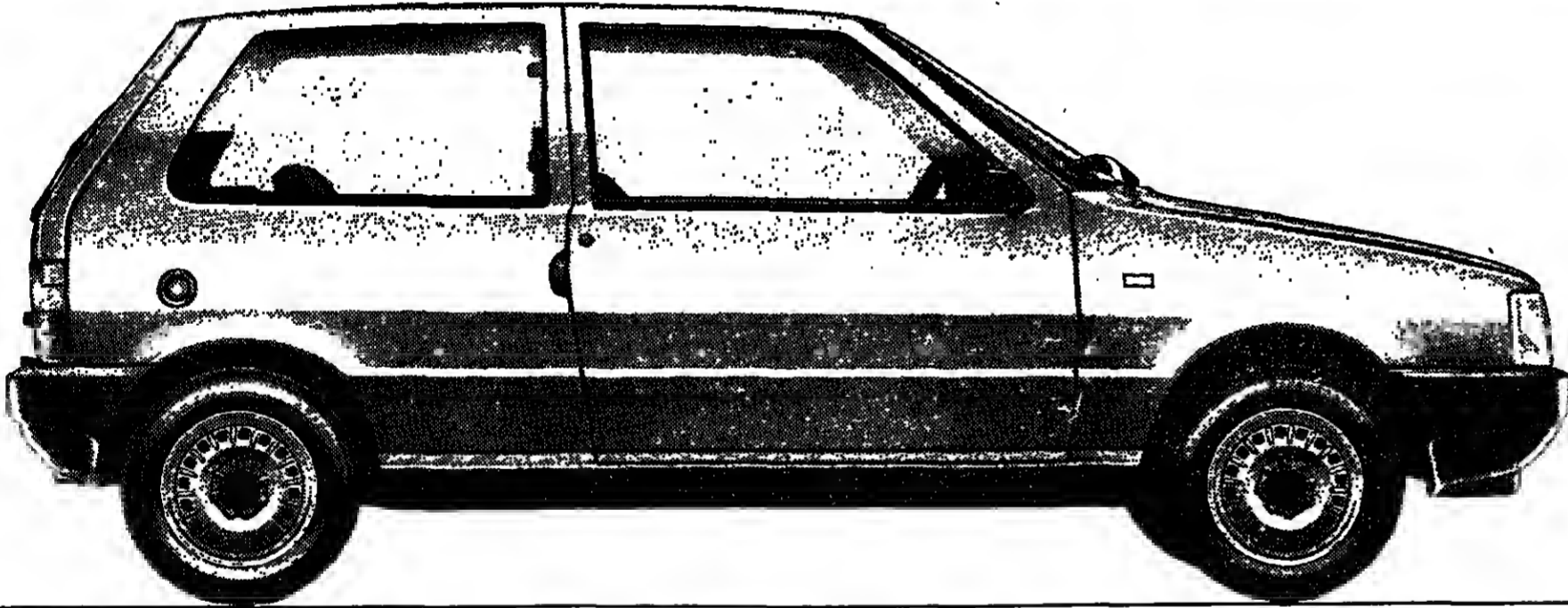
Doctors at three camps for more than 3,000 Muslims who fled the violence feared a cholera epidemic unless the refugees were inoculated.

# Mother Teresa visits sisters in East Berlin

Berlin (AP) - Mother Teresa visited the sisters of her Missionaries of Charity order in East Berlin yesterday and said "we leave our doors open to everyone".

She arrived from West Germany, where on Sunday she met Chancellor Kohl at his home and joined a prayer march organized by an anti-abortion group. She leaves today for Athens to open a new branch of the order.

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**HERCULE POIROT:** The intended victim, my dear Agatha, is myself.

**Murder by the Book, ITV Thursday 28th August at 8.30pm.**

**VINCE:** My life's work... and some miserable Government lackey was going to throw it away. No!... I couldn't let that happen.

**SAM:** They weren't going to approve. You...you blackmailed it through...I gave my wife that drug.....I killed my own wife.

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**PIETER MAIER:** I ordered coffee. On the next table were a man and woman. As I got up to leave the man leaned across and said "Hanni sends her love" and showed me the photograph.

**COMMENTARY:** This is the photograph Peter Maier was shown that morning - his wife and daughter safe in the West.

**Hanni Sends Her Love, Channel 4 Saturday 9th August at 7.30pm.**

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SPECTRUM

Fifty years ago this week, Spain's civil war began, as did the double life of Kim Philby, one of four correspondents who covered the war for *The Times*

# The spy in his own write . . .

The Spanish Civil War, the poet Cecil Day Lewis proclaimed, was "a battle of light against darkness." It was also, in more than one sense of a term invented for later conflicts like Vietnam, a "media war". Famous, brilliant, quixotic, eccentric and — sometimes — partisan writers were attracted from all over the West. Some came to fight and stayed to write, others came to write and stayed to fight. *The Times* coverage of the war caused trouble in high places for the then editor, Geoffrey Dawson, and it featured the work of Harold (Kim) Philby, already — as it transpired — a Russian spy and the man who was to emerge much later as the third man in the Burgess and Maclean affair. By contrast, George Steer's account in *The Times* of the air raid on Guernica by the Hitler's Condor Legion in 1937 (to be reprinted tomorrow) stands as a *tour de force* of on-the-spot reporting in a war zone. Steer, aged 28 at the time, was a South African who had been educated in England. He died with Wavell's forces in Burma in 1944.

Ernest de Caux was *The Times* correspondent in Madrid. Born in Ireland of French stock, he was in the great tradition of dedicated, painstaking reporters who sought the truth and reported it whatever his personal sympathies. Hugh Thomas, in his history of the civil war, singled out de Caux as "exceptionally well-informed" — aided no doubt by such informants as Queen Victoria Eugenia, a grand-daughter of Queen Victoria and wife of Spain's King Alfonso XIII, with whom de Caux used to take tea. He covered Spain from 1910 until the Republicans retreated across the Pyrenees in 1939. He stayed in Spain and died in Madrid in 1960. Kim Philby, making no pretence of impartiality, took over coverage of the Nationalist cause for *The Times* in 1937 from James Holburn, who had been sent from Berlin and had consistently angered the Nationalists. Philby's description of Franco's entry into Barcelona two years later brought protests from the Spanish embassy in London that *The Times* had carried "falsehoods and propaganda". Both Franco's side and the Republicans spent a lot of money on propaganda and on manipulating the correspondents. Both, too, feared that journalists were spies, to the point that in 1938 the Nationalists said that any captured journalist should be treated as a spy. So it was a supreme irony that the triumphant Franco should award Philby, the master-spy, Spain's Cross of Military Merit in 1938.

Richard Wigg, *Madrid Correspondent*

It was not until August 5, 1936, nearly three weeks after the outbreak of war, that *The Times* was able to carry the first uncensored report from Madrid. Headlined "The Tragedy of Spain", it was a passionate, detailed account, dealing with the dramatic events of Saturday, July 18:

At midnight on Saturday, armed Marxists began to appear. By Sunday morning every street was being patrolled and all passers-by were rigorously though politely searched. The police had almost disappeared, and soon the patrols were being sniped from the rooftops. The *Unión Militar Española* and the Fascists had their guerrillas ready. Some desperadoes, dashing through the streets in motor cars firing bursts of automatic pistols at the patrols, showed that the enemy was within the gates, and there was an ominous silence within barrack walls. The Marxist militia fought back, and Madrid's tragedy opened.

The hunting down of snipers and assassins in cars began. A squad of four were burnt in their car. Bigger bonfires followed. On Sunday night the first fires of burning convents and churches rose high into the clear Castilian night.

In line with the policy of amnesty —

ity in those days, the credit "From Our Special Correspondent" concealed the identity of Ernest de Caux. When that despatch appeared he had just celebrated his 57th birthday and had been living in Spain since the early years of the century.

Born in Dublin and educated in France, at the Sorbonne and the University of Rennes, he developed a love for Spanish language and culture and worked at the British Consulate in Madrid before joining the staff of *The Times* in 1910. With interruptions from the two world wars — in the first he won the Military Medal for gallantry — he lived in his adopted country for more than 50 years.

For a man so attached to Spain, the civil war represented a deeply painful episode. This comes through in the early sentences of his August 2 despatch:

Should the revolt [of the army under General Franco] triumph — and viewed from Madrid it cannot win without foreign intervention — a Fascist regime would be the result, against which rebellion would continue until drowned in blood.

Should the sedition be suppressed (and that will certainly be a long business) the Liberal Republic of 1931 must perish in the process.



The long march to power: crowds watch the arrival, above, of General Franco's infantry troops in Barcelona's Plaza de Catalunya



Blast of irony: Kim Philby, his head bandaged after a Russian shell had blown up his car. Left: first uncensored report in *The Times* August 5, 1936

## THE TRAGEDY OF SPAIN FIRST UNCENSORED NEWS FROM MADRID ARMING OF THE PEOPLE A REPUBLIC SHAKEN TO ITS FOUNDATIONS

In the first full uncensored account of events in Spain to reach London from Madrid since the civil war began our Special Correspondent describes the conflict in a struggle between two extremes in which the Liberal Republic must inevitably perish.

The dispatch tells for the first time the whole story of the outbreak of the revolt and its commencement in Madrid; the enforced yielding of the Republican Government to the Marxists; the arming of the workers; the burning of churches; the capture of the Montaña barracks by the Marxist rebels; and the reign of terror that followed.

Two extremes are at each other's throats. One must succumb.

Later that month, in a letter to Ralph Deakin, the Imperial and Foreign News Editor of *The Times* in London, de Caux wrote: "Spain is drifting into Bolshevism (sic) hands amidst bloodshed that can hardly have been equalled . . . in Russia itself."

Meanwhile de Caux's job was being made difficult by censorship. "We foreign journalists," he wrote to Deakin on August 14, "sometimes wonder if it's much use staying on. The censorship strangles us. We have protested, individually and collectively, in vain . . . comment, even the most objective and cautious, is pitilessly strangled."

But he stuck to his task often crossing the border into France to file his despatches free of interference. His favourite base was the French spa town of Biarritz. Within Spain, he often had to resort to unorthodox means of sending letters or reports; his obituary records that "he had a high opinion of a pair of soiled socks as a bearer of tidings."

While de Caux continued to provide overall coverage of the war, other correspondents were appointed to more specialist areas, particularly to cover the Nationalist side.

One, James Holburn, was in Spain from February to June 1937, when he returned to his regular station in Berlin and was replaced by the 25-year-old Harold Adrian Russell "Kim" Philby. The son of a famous explorer, Philby had been in Spain since early in 1937, sending articles to *The Times*, on spec, as a freelance journalist. The relationship was put on a more formal basis on May 24, when he was appointed Special Correspondent in Spain at "an inclusive remuneration of two guineas a day . . . and necessary incidental expenses."

On June 15 de Caux wrote to Deakin: "I have met Philby. Holburn brought him to lunch on Saturday and we had a long talk afterwards. You have got an exceptionally promising young fellow . . ."

Philby's employers were not to know that covering the Spanish Civil War from the Franco side for an Establishment newspaper was perfect cover for a Soviet spy. Philby had become a committed Communist after coming down from Cambridge in 1933 and watching workers' flats being destroyed by fascist shells in Vienna. In the following year, he was recruited by Soviet intelligence and in 1934 and 1935 went to Spain on trips probably paid for by the Russians.

As a war correspondent, Philby had to lead a double life. While his ideological commitment was to the Republican cause (which for a time was backed by Russian arms), he maintained the public stance of appearing favourable to Franco. His despatch of August 26, 1937 is a classic exercise in thinking one thing and writing another.

Sontorder fell to the Nationalists today, and troops of the Legionary Division of the Twentieth of March entered the city in triumph. Its columns, headed by a young general on a chestnut horse, were followed by a detachment of Spanish cavalry, and part of the column was formed of captured militiamen, who added a Roman flavour to the triumph. The enthusiasm of the populace lining the streets was unmistakably genuine, and the troops found difficulty in keeping ranks.

By the end of 1937 Philby was based, along with other correspondents covering the Franco advance, at Saragossa. It was from there, on New Year's Eve, that a fleet of cars carrying journalists set off for the walled town of Teruel, against which Franco had mounted an offensive to relieve a besieged Nationalist garrison. The cars stopped in Caude, a

small village a few miles from Teruel, waiting for a vehicle which had lagged behind. After wandering around the village, the journalists returned to their cars to shelter against the extreme cold. Philby was sitting in a car with Richard Sheepshanks of Reuters and two Americans, Edward Neil and Bradish Johnson.

"The party was smoking to an effort to drive up the temperature", Philby recorded in *The Times*. When a shell landed near the radiator and riddled the car with shrapnel, Johnson was killed immediately and Sheepshanks died in hospital that evening without regaining consciousness.

"Mr Neil", Philby wrote, "was fully conscious when taken to a first-aid station . . . and showed concern about the fate of his typewriter. His leg was fractured to two places, and later 35 pieces of shrapnel were taken from it." He was operated on in Saragossa, but gangrene set in and he died two days later.

Philby had a miraculous escape, suffering only light head and wrist injuries and shock, and was able to walk from the car to a first-aid station where his wounds were dressed. The irony of the incident, which could not be appreciated at the time, was that the shell was fired from a Russian gun.

Franco's award of the Red Cross of Military Merit to Philby led to an angry question in the House of Commons from the Communist MP, Willie Gallagher, about whether "Mr Philpot" had been authorized to receive the decoration. R. A. Butler, answering for the Prime Minister, replied that official authority had been neither sought nor given.

Meanwhile, in another letter to London, de Caux wrote: "Philby is a careful worker with the manners of a brilliant correspondent. I am not mistaken, quite apart from his charming personal qualities." A few months later Philby submitted the fate of many a newspaper correspondent in having his expenses queried. He denied any "discrepancies", complained that hotel receipts had been confiscated at the frontier and said he had "lost a considerable amount of personal property, including a new dinner jacket and a nose-foo ancient tailcoat, both of which disappeared with an unknown room companion who has never been heard of since."

Drawing on his by now well-rehearsed enthusiasm for Nationalist victories, Philby reported on January 26, 1939:

Amid scenes of great enthusiasm General Franco's troops entered Barcelona today. War-stained units of the Army Corps of Morocco and Navarre, weary but triumphant, were met in the streets by huge crowds. . . . Your Correspondent's car, which was the first to cruise down the great "Diagonal" and enter the Plaza de Catalunya, was surrounded by crowds of madly excited people who with red and gold bunting in their hands mounted the mudguards, footboards, and bonnet, cheering with arms upraised. People seemed torn between hysterical abandon and disbelief.

The end of the war was not far away. In February de Caux wrote to Deakin: "It can now only be a question of months for Franco to be recognized". Speculating on his own future, de Caux suggested that Franco would probably not allow him to return to Madrid when government was re-installed in the capital. "He, or rather his police, will not favour a correspondent with so many contacts. They will naturally prefer a greener bird and Philby is already *persona grata*."

Madrid fell to Franco's forces on March 28, signalling the end of the war. Deakin wrote to de Caux that "Philby has done very well in the face of great difficulties and is a first-class writer". But there were reservations. "Several of his messages have been marked because they have reproduced the Nationalist's extremely offensive attitude towards this country, without showing a certain awareness that he knew different."

De Caux did return to Madrid, but when the Germans invaded France in 1940 he was working in the Paris office of *The Times*. Forced to escape, he made for Biarritz but was put under detention by the Germans and ordered to live in the Vichy Government area near Pau. He went back to Spain after the war and in 1960 died in Madrid at the age of 80.

As for Philby, he was appointed a correspondent for *The Times* with the British Expeditionary Forces during the early part of the Second World War and started his life as a double agent by rising through the ranks of British intelligence. In 1963 he defected to the Soviet Union, where he still lives.

Peter Waymark

TOMORROW

The bombshell that was Guernica

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  - 15 Bureaucrat (13)
  - 17 Death notice (4)
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  - 22 Oz (5)
  - 23 Tangle (4)
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  - 4 1884 socialist group (6,7)
  - 5 Leave in haste (4)
  - 6 Refuge (7)
  - 7 Courty love poet (10)
  - 10 Drawn out (10)
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## Spinning along in the steps of the silk traders

Four undergraduates set off today on a 9,000-mile journey along the legendary Chinese Silk Road

Cameron O'Reilly is Irish, but his accent is American. He will have to disguise this distinctive twang when he leads the Oxford Silk Road Expedition through Iran on its way to China and the ancient "silk metropolis" of Xi'an. But then, accents are the sort of thing you have to think about when planning an expedition in these politically-sensitive times. They take their place in a list including bad roads, bandits, poor maps, obstructive officials and sandstorms that are more like rock storms.

The four-man party plans to retrace the old Silk Road, which brought goods and ideas from East to West and vice versa, a journey of nearly 9,000 miles which it has been impossible to make since the early 1920s. Indeed, it may never have been made in its entirety, even in its heyday during the Tang Dynasty (AD 618-907). It is not even certain that Marco Polo made a complete journey. Some scholars now think he may have relied partly on guide books.

The Silk Road carried much more than silk from the East. Along it travelled an extraordinary mixture of cultural influences — Buddhist, Chris-



Wheels for the silk road: from left, Justin Rushbrooke, Tim Marshall, Matthew Leeming, Cameron O'Reilly

tian, Greek and Roman. One result was the rise and fall of a cosmopolitan civilization along the route, and with it the production of a cornucopia of art treasures.

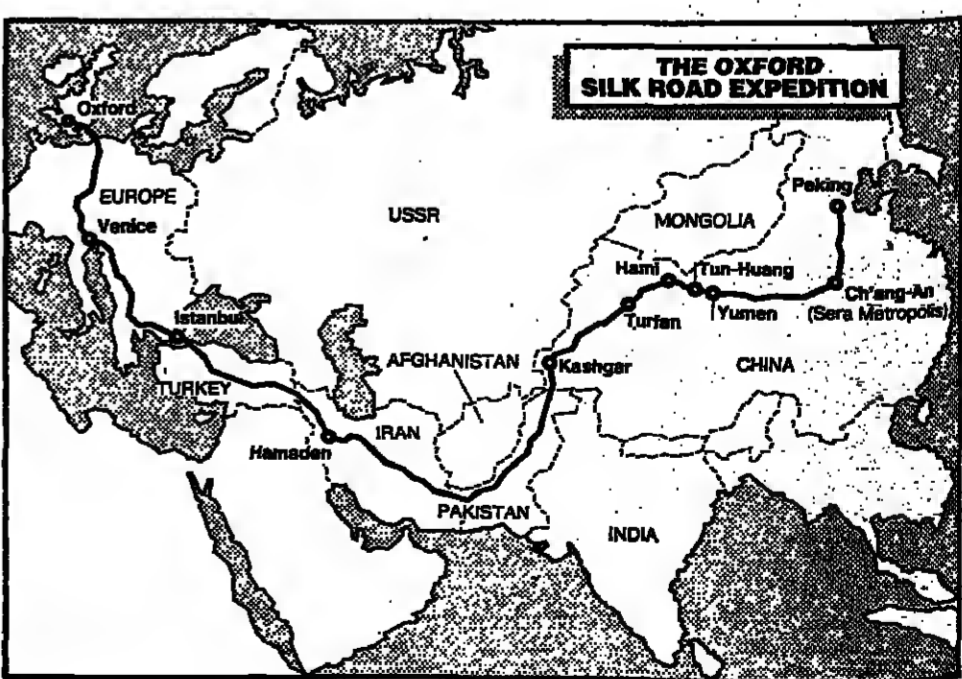
From the 1890s to the 1920s these were pillaged by western explorers on a staggering scale — huge quantities of priceless manuscripts, in particular, are now held by such institutions as the British Museum and the British Library. This plundering led the Chinese to close their western border in 1925.

It may be that the thought of all that booty in British hands lies somewhere behind the

Chinese encouragement of the Silk Road Expedition. These treasures, which include a book of Tang Dynasty poems claimed to be the world's oldest printed book, could be China's Elgin Marbles. The team is keen to generate publicity for these treasures and the civilization which produced them. The journey, in fact, has as much to do with the recent thawing of Anglo-Chinese relations as with the enthusiasm of four Oxford undergraduates. The expedition, whose first leg will take it via Venice to Istanbul, will be breaking new ground in more ways than one.

Planning has not been easy. China alone presented enough difficulties, partly because the expedition will pass through "autonomous regions", which like to live up to their name. The China International Travel Service sorted things out, but that still left the problems of travelling through Iran — you cannot book accommodation or buy an Iranian phrase book outside the country. These difficulties were resolved with the help of the team's "pet man in the Iranian Embassy".

O'Reilly, the leader, looks the part — a big, craggy handsome 21-year-old who



has already explored the Amazon Basin by motor cycle and has been on a Finnish expedition into Arctic Lapland. Matthew Leeming is a theology student whose particular interest is the archeology of the Middle East, and Tim Marshall is a law student, photographer and journalist. Justin Rushbrooke is studying classics, has also travelled widely, including the Australian outback, and has a knowledge of Turki, the chief language of Central Asia.

Sponsorship came from a number of companies, but chiefly from Toyota. The ex-

pedition is travelling by Toyota Land Cruiser, with a couple of motor bikes on the back for excursions off the main route. Encouragement and help have come from many individuals, in particular Norman Stone, Professor of Modern History at Oxford, who will be editing the book which the team aims to produce at the end of the journey. It is planned to be "a new style of travel book", which it is hoped will encourage "enlightened tourism" in China.

Nigel Andrew

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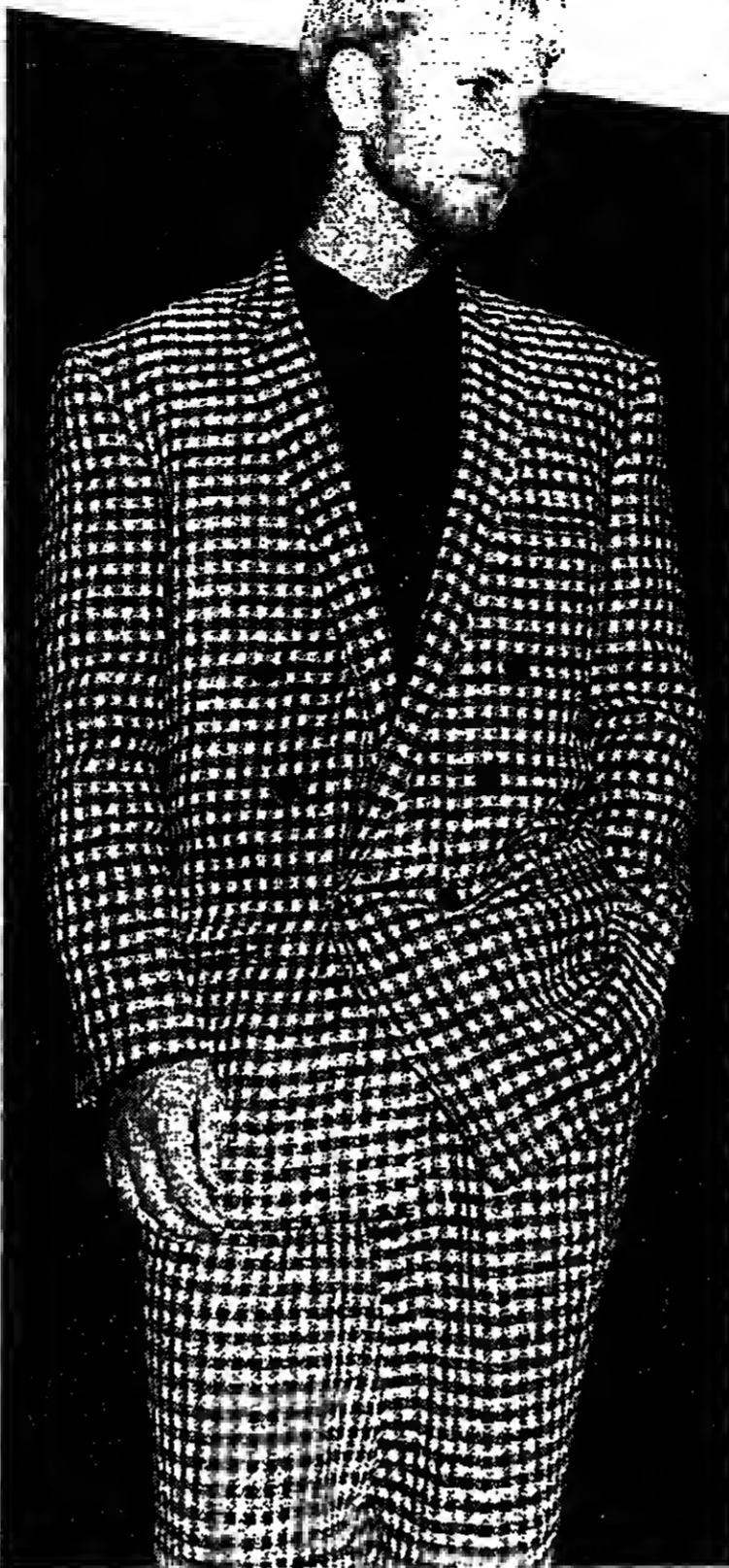
A shapely silhouette, formal tailoring in flamboyant fabrics and death to the bomber jacket is the men's fashion story from Milan. The shows for next summer spell out a new message for menswear - the strongest for 10 years. Out go the broad shoulder, puffed out chest and narrow hips. In come shapely suits, tailored jackets and soft trousers. The shirt becomes the focus of casual clothes. Shine and woven texture in checks and stripes are the watchwords in fabric. The Italians show fashion as art, flaunt the male body, and export 40 million pairs of trousers worldwide a year



THE SHIRT BECOMES A STAR

The shirt is out on its own - square cut like a pyjama jacket, round-necked, or with bush pockets and fancy weaves. Soprani showed over-shirts in ticking stripes and baked earth colours. Basile used saffron and spice. Byblos printed them with the packaging of Havana cigar boxes. Shiny fabrics, using a viscose mix, competed with more familiar linens and cottons at Coveri, for shirts and lightweight jackets. Romeo Gigli's shirts came with long romantic sleeves and high necks. Verri Uomo had shirts as light nylon duster coats. Erreemo offered woven cotton, madras and tailored denim. Barbari were zip-up, polo-collared or roll-neck.

Left: ANGELO TARLAZZI's summer casuals - ticking-striped pyjama shirt and trousers.



BUTTON UP CHECK OR STRIPE

Suits make a bold come-back with longer fitted jackets, a wealth of buttons and inventive fabrics. Versace has the narrowest lapels, the steepest drop, using gingham check, slub weaves and jersey. Romeo Gigli showed schoolboy jackets with patch pockets and twin vents. The mobster suit, cut to hug the torso, and made in predatory pin stripes came from the flamboyant Gian Marco Venturi. Oscar de la Renta's Moschino broke up formal suits with lace hankies and grass skirts. The tailored jacket is the star garment. Fabrics make it new: sharp black and white check or indigo blue from Erreemo; black and grey silk brocade from Soprani; madras checks for Missoni's vivid blocks of lobster, fuchsia, scarlet and teal blue. Newcomer Gianfranco Ferré used grey, black and cream; Ferré bolder red and black, saffron and moss green. High-waist trousers, always pleat-front, come in crinkle cotton, waffle seersucker, check and stripe linen. New are soft pyjama trousers, shiny viscose mix fabrics and shorts suits.

Left: GIANNI VERSACE's six-button suit with long narrow lapels worn with high-waist trousers and polo shirt.

Right: VALENTINO's pleat front linen trousers, with single breasted blazer and regimental tie.



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Sex, money and art are the pillars of Italian men's fashion. Last week's Milan shows put the new sculpted, body-conscious tailoring on a pedestal - literally, in the case of Gianfranco Ferré, whose models posed, spilt, on white columns like sculptures in a Roman amphitheatre.

Italy's male fashion is shown not on the runway, but in striking still life displays. These mix tableaux vivants of clean-cut models with sculpted metallic mannequins or surreal figures, made from bent wire or coiled springs. Byblos recreated a sunlit colonial verandah; Versace's models were in Indian pavilions in his Renaissance palazzo garden. Missoni unrecycled 1950s movies as a backdrop while Tarlazzi had a theatre with full concert orchestra. Soprani put avant-garde painting behind his models on stage, opera singers in the circle and a string quartet in a sunlit courtyard outside.

The shows become a succession of private views, where the fashion crowd dress to be seen and create an ambience of high style. But the art of the Milanese is that they are not overwhelmed by their presentations or by fashion for its own sake. The garments shown are modern in cut and spirit, but

COMMENT

conventional and recognizable. Even the most experimental designers make very commercial clothes.

The result is a big bucks business. Italian menswear is the most successful part of its clothing industry, as the figures prove. Exports in 1985 reached £1.3 billion. Italy exported 41 million pairs of trousers and now produces annually three times as many as England. The UK is Italy's fourth largest export market and we buy menswear worth £88 million.

Great Britain has its own clothing export strengths, yet it is galling to admit that the fashionable man no longer looks first to the home of gentleman's tailoring. The Italian fashion miracle has been achieved at great speed. The major thrust has come over the last 15 years - starting, not quite co-incidentally, at the time when the Carnaby Street revolution of the 1960s had undermined serious men's fashion with gimmicks.

England's gender-bending of the early 1980s is also beginning to look like a red herring. Real men do not want to wear weird or outrageous clothes any more than they are likely to wear skirts. In the

wake of the androgynous styles of the early 1980s, both sexes are reasserting a physical identity. The Italians have always understood best the silhouette of macho man, and there is a streak of bravura in their menswear which looks faintly ridiculous to northern Europeans. Romeo Gigli's success in Milan is as a gentle counterpoint to the sexually charged full-blooded Latin designs.

Most Milanese designers are able to interpret general fashion influences. They are supported by fabric companies who respond instinctively to fashion innovation. By the end of the 1980s the current menswear exhibition in Florence will move to Milan.

There are no sudden revolutions in menswear. Designers can tinker with lapel, tie and trouser widths as women's hemlines rise and fall. The broader shifts of fashion are tied to sociological trends. A generation weaned on jeans and brought up in casual clothes is now hungry for jobs. Young men are beginning to understand power dressing and look towards formal clothes that define the male figure and status.

This fashion change requires delicate tuning. It is the role of the Italians to make a man's suit built like a Ferrari rather than a tank.



Temple of taste: Giorgio Armani in his new Emporio shop and (right) the Armani tailored suit, bold checks on a metal frame

Giorgio Armani brought the shows to a close by opening the doors of his new Emporio shop. This temple to his ascetic style - built entirely from blocks of different wood grains, all in steel grey - looks from the surface of a winter sea. "I wanted a shop that was a background to the collection", said a stunned Giorgio. Armani's summer collection, displayed in racks and folds round the store, followed the shore line, with brisk navy

Seasoned style

and cream cashmeres fading into grey-green herringbone weave suits and the dull greige of a distant horizon for nylon uses in linen and rayon chambré. Flashes of hot coral against a rock-beige bring colour contrasts to raw silk jackets. The sea theme breaks into a clear blue for a collection of stone-washed denim

tailored into trousers, sweat-shirts and unstructured jackets. New fabrics are linen and viscose in pale safari colours and wool crepe for Armani's square-cut jackets, straight-back or with twin vents, and soft pleat front trousers, all perfectly modern and in exquisite taste.

ADDRESS BOOK Giorgio Armani Boutique, 123 New Bond Street, Bessele, 21 New Bond Street. Byblos and Soprani, Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge. Erreemo, at Uomo Regine, 43-44 New Bond Street. Ferré, 37b Brook Street and 80 Brompton Road. Romeo Gigli, Missoni and Tarlazzi, Browns, 23 South Molton Street. Valentino, 173-174 Sloane Street. Gianni Versace, 18 Bond Street W1 and 52 Brompton Road.

FASHION NEWS

The star of a new exhibition at the V & A is Levi's 501 denim jacket (Rebecca Tyrrel writes). Wind your way past the costume courts to a bleak white hall, filled with blue mannequins, all wearing a Levi jacket, each one customized with individual designer signatures.

The Blitz Designer Collection was the idea of the magazine's fashion editor Iain R. Webb and the project culminated last month at a gala evening to raise money for the Prince's Trust charity. Last week at the opening of the V & A exhibition some of the jackets were auctioned to raise money and in October the exhibition will be moving to New York.

All the jackets are easily recognizable: Zandra Rhodes's edged in frilled pleated chiffon, and Joseph's with "Joe's Angels" emblem-

zoned across the back. Even hat designer Stephen Jones managed to manipulate the jacket into shape: "I turned the pockets into earflaps, a whisper of satin is tucked into the top cravat-style and, hey presto, Biker's Delight". Yesterday Denis Healey and Jeff Banks opened the One Step Ahead exhibition at the Natural History Museum. The exhibition is organized by Hyper-Hyper and shows the best of Britain's art and design graduate's work. Look out for the woven wire and silk hats in surreal shapes by Alida Efrat from Middlesex Polytechnic and Louis-heeled braided and sequined slippers by Sophia Malic from Cordwainer's College. Textiles, jewellery, sculpture and ceramics are also on display at the exhibition, which runs until August 3.

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Mosley and Massiter

Former MI5 officer Cathy Massiter, whose claims about the organization's surveillance methods formed the basis of a controversial 20/20 Vision TV documentary last year, is reviewing an article in this month's right-wing Salisbury Review to her lawyers. In a five-page analysis of media attacks on the security service, former Foreign Office employer Charles Mosley claims that Massiter, while still with MI5, wrote a letter of sympathy to Michael Bettaney, as he waited in custody for trial on a spying charge for which he was to receive a 23-year sentence. Mosley claims that her letter led to an instruction preventing her from seeing sensitive material. I understand that Massiter, who is refusing to comment on the piece for the time being, will not dispute that she wrote to Bettaney but insists that by then she had already handed in her resignation from the service. The timing may prove significant: later this month CND will seek judicial review over alleged illegal MI5 monitoring of one of its members - one of Miss Massiter's most damaging allegations on the programme.

Mounting up

You may have thought that the forces of law and order were excused from cost-cutting exercises in Mrs Thatcher's Britain. Not so. A Scotland Yard team headed by Deputy Commissioner Peter Imbert is investigating ways in which the Metropolitan Police can save money. The review, a copy of which has come my way, is entitled "Nothing Sacred". It includes suggestions for scrapping the police band and choir, curtailing big pornography seizures and finding spooks for police horses and dogs. Some items, however, turn out to be sacred after all. Among proposals listed as "not suitable for review" are first-class travel for senior officers and riding lessons for the very top brass.

Hamming it off

The prosecution of East German spies Reinhard and Sonja Schulze last week did not come cheap. I am told that stripping the couple's Hounslow home in a fruitless search for their secret transmitter will cost the taxpayer between £12,000 and £15,000; the Crown is still talking to their landlord about compensation. To add insult to injury, although East German representatives attended the trial, the couple were given legal aid. If the police had struck a little later, things might have been different: Reinhard, a kitchen designer, was said to be capable of earning up to £50,000 a year.

Bagging a pair

Peter Brooke, Treasury minister and current president of the EEC budget council, seems to have been displaying his European credentials somewhat over-enthusiastically. He was spotted in Strasbourg the other day wearing braces in black, yellow and red - the colours of the Belgian and German flags. Yes, quite right, he told me. But they also happen to be the colours of Levington, his local cricket team.

BARRY FANTONI



Mal de mer

Across the Channel to Boulogne yesterday, which was of course the Quatorze Juillet. Had I had longer, I would have continued to Paris, but Boulogne was a perfectly appropriate place to be, for it was there, in 1789, that many of the overthrown Aristos fled for passage to England. While making the reverse traverse I learnt that a diarist forebear, one S. Pepys, disgraced himself after a similar crossing. So drunk did he get (duty-free presumably) that he slept until woken up by the four o'clock gun the following morning. This he took to be 8 in the evening and (his words not mine), mistook the sun rising for the sun setting. Plus ça change.

Chunnel vision

I, of course, made the crossing in the soberest of company - namely Shirley Harrison, who has just written a timely book on the Channel. She reckons that the tunnel might never come about since many Brits still regard it as an open doorway to hordes of garlic-ridden foreigners and, however keen the politicians, private financiers might find something better to do with their money. I particularly enjoyed her imagery of Mitterrand and Thatcher as the obstetrician and midwife of what Lord Palmerston described as the longest pregnancy in history. Loitering with Entente. PHS

Drugs: no simple answer

by Griffith Edwards

The epidemic growth in drug misuse is being explained in a variety of ways. In some quarters, it is luridly pictured as being caused by smugglers and dealers, and we are asked to look no further for the true and total explanation. As for a sovereign cure, why not just double the last sentence passed by the courts?

An alternative - and attractive - view is that addiction is caused by moral decline and the abandonment of traditional values. It is conveniently forgotten that Victorian England could "boast" an annual per capita rate of opium consumption equivalent to 120 therapeutic doses of morphine, together with an appalling rate of drunkenness and a fad for child prostitution.

A very different type of explanation is championed by those who find the roots of addiction in the conditions of the inner city. The graffiti in the lifts and the heroin smoked on the back stairways are interpreted as manifestations of alienation and anomie. Others tell us that the roots of addiction lie not in the social environment but in the person - sociopathy, psychopathy, a specific "addict personality".

Simple answers won't do for complex questions, but the fashionable answers are often significant in their own right as revealing the current political imperative, the folk devils in which we believe, the who or what is to be blamed for the plague of locusts or the heroin death.

In the USSR and the USA there is today an astonishing confluence of defensive political interest leading to explanations for drug addiction and alcoholism couched

in terms of biological abnormality, genetics, and personality disorder. In neither country is there likely to be much funding for social science research which blames government or the state for such problems as delinquency or drug abuse. Better find the devil in the individual's brain than in the opportunity structure provided by the state.

The causes of drug misuse are multiple, varied, changing and more usually interactive than single. The concern must therefore be not with just one drug, but with a range of substances including alcohol, tobacco and licitly prescribed tranquilizers and sedatives. Only on the basis of a firm adherence to that open position should one design a national drug policy, set up a clinic or discuss the issues with the next group of schoolchildren, or the next set of anguished parents.



Golden Boy; but George O'Dowd's troubles are shared by other, more "ordinary" people

The circumstances of addiction vary, but certain frequently asked questions can be answered in general terms. Does addiction imply a fundamental flaw in personality? The idea that every addict is by definition a person of flawed character is not only mistaken but also a potential hindrance to recovery and an added burden on a worried family. Within a broad range of drug takers there will be many variations to maturity, confidence, conventionality, anxiety, extroversion and other traits, and some people will stand out as unhappy and disturbed.

Does a drug problem imply that the family has failed the child? Drug problems are more likely to occur in broken homes and in families where there is gross discord. But they can also emerge in the happiest of families.

Why should a young person with all the joys of life in front of him do anything so risky as to inject a drug into his veins? This is the question at the centre of every parent's distress. Each individual story is different, and no stereotyped answer is sufficient. But drugs can, at least in the short term, provide pleasurable experiences - and immediate reward (especially for the young) can be a far more important determinant of behaviour than a more distant threat of pain. Also, drugs are symbols: a young person may take them because they are viewed by society as wickedly (and thrillingly) dangerous. Furthermore, drugs can be a passport to friendship and group membership: glue

sniffing is nearly always a group activity. Finally, being a drug taker means "being someone" for the young person who does not otherwise know who he is, what he is worth, or where he is going. Hence the very apt remark by the American author and former drug addict William Burroughs: "You become a narcotics addict because you do not have strong enough motivation in any other direction. Junk wins by default."

The message must therefore be that it is useless to respond to drugs as if they are no more than chemicals. To help the drug taker and his or her family, addiction must be seen in its human and psychological dimensions as well as its chemistry.

How do any of these explanations bear on the manifestation of the drug tragedies of the gifted and privileged young, the pop stars and the playboys, the golden boys and girls? To an extent that question perverts the debate: most drug tragedies are about ordinary families and ordinary people.

Heroin is in reality more the stuff of concrete jungle than the lush suburb, drugs more rife at the disco than the country house weekend. A focus on the drug taking of pop stars can glamorize drugs and reinforce the dangerous symbolism. The fact that drug problems affect rich as well as poor might be read as a harsh but unsurprising reminder that wealth or fame offers no special guarantee of psychological safety. Privilege is never more than skin-deep.

The author is professor of Addiction Behaviour at the University of London's Institute of Psychiatry

Christie Davies looks at the history of British jokes about the Irish and their place in the lexicon of world folk humour

Have you heard the one about...?

Irishman to chiropodist: "Well me fat is in your hands." Irish night school sign: "Brush up your ears."

Some of these jokes probably originate in the early attempts by the butts of the jokes to speak the joke-teller's language. Jokes about other similar linguistic blunders are to be found historically in Scots humour about Gaelic-speaking Highlanders struggling with English or in the anecdotes that Welsh people fluent in English told about those less at home in the language.

"During the controversy over the disestablishment of the Church of Wales, two of the chief protagonists were David Lloyd George and the Bishop of St Asaph. On one occasion Lloyd George addressed a meeting in a small village in North Wales where he was introduced by one of the deacons of the local chapel who said: 'We all know the remarks made on this subject last week by the Bishop of St Asaph who in my opinion is one of the biggest liars in creation. Fortunately we have here tonight Mr David Lloyd George who is more than a match for him.'"

Such jokes stem from the relative cultural position of those at the centre and those at the edge. The Highlander or Welshman must learn English, albeit Scots English or Welsh, but neither the Lowlanders nor the English are ever going to learn a Celtic language. For the Walloons good French is that spoken in Paris, free of Belgicisms, not the speech of Brussels or Liège. The Dublin middle classes imitate the speech of their English counterparts, not the more truly Irish tones of Kerry.

How do you define a social climber? A Kerryman with a Cork accent.

No doubt Celtic nationalists will fulminate about loss of identity or bad faith but the jokes are hardly evidence that they are currently seen by the "Anglo-Saxons" as a separate and inferior race.

The other social factor underlying the jokes about the Irish is social class. Like the Poles in America, the Sops in Bulgaria or recently the Portuguese in Brazil, who are also the butts of jokes about stupidity, the Irish who came to Britain had left the land to seek unskilled labouring jobs building, in turn, the canals, the railways and the motorways. The Irish doctor, academic, welder, or bank clerk is socially invisible but "Faddy in his wellies" from the building site is a familiar and recognizable figure. Hence the jokes:

What does Wimpey stand for? We import Millions of Faddies Every Year.

How do you recognise an Aer Lingus pilot? By the three gold rings on his wellies.

How do you confuse an Irishman (or, in America, a Pole)? Give him three shovels and tell him to take his pick.

How do you make an Irishman burn his car? Phone him when he's ironing.

A Pole in America working on a building site fell from the third floor of a building but was unhurt. A circus owner came to see him. "Do you think you could fall safely from the sixth floor?" he asked.

"Oh yes," replied the Pole. "And could you manage it safely from the tenth floor?"

"Of course he could", interrupted the foreman, "provided he managed to land on his head."

Irish jokes, then, are an international joke about any people occupying a particular cultural-geographical or social class position. The only features peculiar

to British jokes about the Irish are distinctly benign ones. American jokes about the Poles and Canadian jokes about the Newfies routinely depict them not merely as stupid but filthy, but attempts by mid-Atlantic joke-writers to adapt these jokes to the Irish have failed. British jokes about the Irish very rarely depict them as dirty.

There is nothing to match jokes like the following which are mild compared with some transatlantic favourites:

What is the worst form of air pollution? The Newfoundland parachute regiment.

What is the most dangerous job in the Polish quarter of Chicago? Riding shotgun on the garbage truck.

The most distinctive feature of British jokes about the Irish is that in many of them the Irish emerge as winners by means of a witty use of upside-down logic that is not to be found anywhere else.

An Englishman, a Scotsman and an Irishman were sentenced to death in a part of the United States where electricity is very expensive and were allowed to choose from which tree they would like to be hanged. The Englishman naturally chose an oak and the Scotsman a pine. When it was the Irishman's turn he thought for a moment and said: "I would like to be hanged from a gooseberry tree."

The judge replied, "But a gooseberry tree is much too small."

"That's all right," said the Irishman, "I'll wait for it to grow."

An Irishman applying for a job on a building site was told by the foreman: "You faddies are none too bright, so before I take you on I'm going to ask you some questions to see how much you understand. Now, what's the difference between a girder and a joist?"

"Ah that's easy," said the Irishman. "Girder wrote Faust and Joist wrote Ulysses."

Once again the Irishman of the jokes has reminded us that there are Milesians as well as Smilesian virtues. The Irish deserve a blue for wit and a half-blue should be awarded to those bitter and twisted English people who see jokes about the Irish as proof of a racial antipathy that in fact exists only in their own minds.

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Peter Thornton Legal meddlers keep out

The familiar notice "Trespassers will be prosecuted" is an empty threat. It is not normally a crime to enter somebody else's land without permission. Lord Stanley of Alderley wants to change all that. In today's debate in the House of Lords on the Public Order Bill he will move an amendment to make it a crime to commit trespass on land in certain specified circumstances.

But there are serious doubts about the wisdom of such a move and the difficulties it may cause to innocent users of land.

First, the use of the criminal law to deal with trespassers will cause more problems than it will solve. Although there would be little difficulty in the clearest cases where mass intruders invade a farmer's field without permission and set up temporary bome, many cases will be less clear.

Those on the land may claim to have permission to be there, possibly on terms which have become disputed. Whose land is it? Is it common land or private land at this particular spot? Does a right of way operate? Is there an implied permission to enter the land because it is unfenced? These are questions which local magistrates will be reluctant to confront. Issues of title, ownership and occupation, let alone easements and rights of way, are surely best left to the civil courts where they rightly belong.

Others, like ramblers, mountaineers and picnickers, may have a genuine cause for grievance at being put at risk of prosecution. A bad law is not made better because the police exercise their discretion not to prosecute in individual cases.

Secondly, a new offence of criminal trespass would be ineffective unless simply and clearly framed. The complexities of the law of trespass may not permit that. Lord Stanley's 18-line clause would require a very much larger notice board than the familiar one, something along the lines of "Trespassers will be prosecuted, but only if they intend to deprive the person entitled to the ownership or occupation of the land of the use and enjoyment of it, and in the following circumstances etc."

Unfortunately simplicity is not always a hallmark of the law. An almost exact parallel arose in the mid-1970s when politicians rummaged about for an instant solution to the problem of squatting. Much detail was required to protect the innocent, the phrasing finally adopted was cumbersome and the laws are now rarely used.

Thirdly, the existing civil and criminal law is quite adequate to deal with trespassers. The special High Court procedure to reclaim possession of land is normally speedy and effective. In cases of urgency defendants need not be named, and if damage is caused to crops, for example, the normal five-day period can be waived and the High Court sheriff can enlist police help to carry out the eviction.

It took Farmer Attwell a week to get 300 members of the hippy

convoy off his land in Somerset. But he was unlucky; he lacked funds to bring proceedings and there was delay in the procedure at the local court. The Lord Chancellor is now looking at any shortcomings in the system. Once these are cured, the civil courts will provide a complete, if not draconian, method of eviction.

But even if the civil law has shortcomings the police are not powerless to act. If offences are committed, such as criminal damage, they are entitled to enter the land and make arrests. If it is impossible to identify the culprit the police can use their common-law powers to prevent a breach of the peace, which was certainly



Mellor: "A criminal trespass law would create more problems than it solved" - but has the government had fresh thoughts?

imminent in Mr Attwell's case, when the local residents threatened to use shotguns. By this means the police can move on the intruders and, if they refuse to go, arrest them for obstruction.

It is therefore small wonder that in early June David Mellor, the Home Office minister, explained on BBC radio that the government had no intention of introducing a criminal trespass law. There was no need for it, it would create more problems than it would solve, particularly for innocent visitors to property, and the Public Order Bill would give the police sufficient powers to remove wrong doers by extending minor public order offences to private land. He added that the bill was not the right place for a criminal trespass offence anyway.

Only the activities of a relatively small group of travellers and a mild dose of public hysteria have led the government to reconsider its position. The result is not yet known. Describing them as "medieval brigands" (a senior politician) or as "pollution to be neutralized" (a chief constable) is not the answer. On the other hand, if local authorities complied with their duty under the Caravan Sites Act 1968 to provide permanent and transit sites, and the Department of the Environment chose to force them to comply, some progress might be made towards preventing a repeat performance next year.

Meanwhile the blunt instrument of the criminal law will never be a just and effective solution to a difficult problem. The author, a barrister, is a past chairman of the National Council for Civil Liberties.

Paul Pickering

Giving the law a push

"Drugs" asked the smiling Balinese detective as I sat with my wife in the cramped and crowded police station. "You are the Australians on the drugs charge?"

Nowadays the very suggestion of such a thing east of Suez makes the blood run cold and the antique ceiling fans whisper of fleeting mortality. A few moments before our crime was merely a minor traffic offence. Affronted, I denied anything to do with narcotics or Australia, adding that neither of us even smoked cigarettes.

"But you are Australian," he insisted, affecting the insight of Sherlock Holmes revealing all to an imbecile Watson. "Everyone else here is Indonesian. My chief says I have to pick up two Australian drug dealers to take to Demaspar for trial. You are the only ones. People are not brought to this place if they are innocent and you will find our laws no laughing matter."

We were sitting on a wooden bench with two giggling Sumatran ladies of the night, a pickpocket and a drunk. A patrolman had stopped our hired car - possibly to help his family expand his noodle stall business - and announced that the two-way street was one-way. He looked both offended and confused when we would not give him "a small offering" to avoid a ticket. "No one argued before," he pronounced.

At the police station I was beginning to understand why. "We are not Australians or criminals," I began, only to be interrupted by another plain clothes man who came up and indicated we must sign a piece of paper written entirely in Indonesian before being taken to headquarters. "It's a confession," he added matter of factly, admiring his own right thumb nail, which is grown decoratively long in Bali.

"But we have nothing to do with drugs," I said, not knowing whether to feel panic or anger. "Perhaps we should give these gentlemen some money, darling," interrupted my beloved. She has a better understanding of authoritarian regimes, the result of nearly being rusticated at Oxford for having a friend who dressed as Napoleon.

"Have you any document to say you are not Australian? Can you verify you are British?" demanded another policeman. But we did not have our passports and it is hard to think of anything which self-evidently proves you are a Brit. A burst of "Land of Hope and Glory" seemed to be out of the question. A uniformed officer started pushing us towards a jeep. Then, to our joy and immense relief, two manacled and extremely dejected Australians arrived in the station yard.

The sleuth who had been willing to sign us up for a long stretch, if not the gallows, shrugged. It seemed that his real clients had been driven round the town to identify accomplices and witness a search of their room. We were courteously handed a traffic violation form and an Indonesian dictionary.

At this point it seemed crucial to argue over trifles. They would, of course, have to sign in the end. I reassured my wife. The fact that I was still booked for going the wrong way down a two-way street mitigated against this optimism. We respectfully maintained a hatred of lager and Vegemite and protested we had never seen a kangaroo or a possum, but the constable shook his head. "You are Australian," he grinned.

Back at our hotel a commercial traveller tried to explain: "You see, much of patrolman's income relies on traffic violations. Our people do not have the same attitude as you here, there is no sense of corruption."

But, I said, if policemen spend their day arranging traffic offences, what time do they have to hunt drug takers?

"No problem," was the reply. One plain clothes man sells drugs to tourists and another immediately arrests them. In this way they meet the arrest targets set in Jakarta without upsetting the big cals, especially important locals. Occasionally, by accident, they discovered a dealer.

All of which leaves one very uneasy about South-East Asia's draconian drug laws. The relatively important consideration is not so much that the law is a massive stretching as it is who you pay the privilege of not taking a ride

After the boom, Kuwait in conflict

The Amir of Kuwait's recent closure of the National Assembly and curtailment of civil liberties has sent shock waves well beyond the state's borders. The 50-member Assembly was the only free-elected parliament in the Arabian peninsula, a beacon of democracy to millions.

Most reports of the closure presented it as a response to the bomb attacks and other outrages inflicted on Kuwait since the beginning of the Iraq-Iran war in 1980, most by Iraqi dissident Shi'ites seeking to end Kuwait's support for the Sunni-dominated regime of President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad.

In fact the dissolution of the Assembly is part of a domestic crisis affecting all levels of Kuwaiti society, including the Al-Sabah dynasty that has ruled Kuwait continuously since the mid-18th century. "I saw a shaken democracy in front of me," said the Amir, Shaikh Jaber al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, "and with it the unity of the country was shaken, so it became my responsibility to dissolve Parliament."

Kuwaitis say the present malaise began in the 1950s when oil wealth started to transform Kuwait from an obscure port inhabited by pearl and traders into a rich and internationally influen-

tial state. The old clay houses were torn down and new suburbs built. Close-knit communities were scattered. Kuwaitis began to feel alienated and insecure.

In recent years, additional strains have been created, less by fears of Iranian advances in the Iraq-Iran war and acts of sabotage than by the stock exchange crash in 1982 which caused thousands of bankruptcies and a proliferation of bitter disputes over debt payments and rejected requests for financial aid. Enormous additional difficulties have resulted from the slump in oil prices.



The Amir, pioneer of democracy, but believer in a firm hand

Impatient or ambitious shaikhs on the sidelines have often joined forces with opposition groups to improve their fortunes, and with no single principle such as primogeniture to determine their successors have descended from Mubarak the Great (ruler 1896-1915). The quest for power remains as dominant in the lives of Kuwait's shaikhs as ever, as subtle and as fascinating to watch as a Shakespearean drama.

The reluctance with which Shaikh Jaber dissolved the Assembly is significant. Kuwaitis recall that his first mentor was Shaikh Abdullah al-Salim (ruler 1950-65), the founder of democracy in

Kuwait, and that before Kuwait obtained full independence from Britain in 1961 it was Jaber who helped to prepare the way for democracy by ridding Kuwait of the ruler's more despotic relatives, whose arrogance was endangering the dynasty's survival. Yet they also know that Shaikh Jaber has always stressed the need for strong leadership and respect for authority - a view he justifies by pointing to the chaotic state of other Middle Eastern countries.

Shaikh Jaber has often said that his concern for stability led him to seek a form of government adapted to Arab and Islamic society rather than western-style democracy - what his son, Dr Salim Al-Sabah, has called "a paternalistic state with democratic institutions."

So far most Kuwaitis have accepted the suspension of democracy as a regrettable necessity and feel that, depending on circumstances, Shaikh Jaber will eventually appoint an advisory council or order elections for a new National Assembly. Meanwhile, they are hoping that the new government, unconstrained by a National Assembly, will revitalize the economy and put money back into their pockets.

Alan Rush

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# DIPLOMATIC APPROACHES

Commonwealth countries which try to pressurize British policy on South Africa by withdrawing from the Edinburgh games, must be warned that they have chosen the wrong track on which to run. They risk slighting the Queen who, with members of her family will be there, and damaging the hopes and aspirations of their athletes, for many of whom Edinburgh represents a unique chance of winning sporting glory. But the issues over which they have so ostentatiously taken umbrage, are too serious for Britain to be influenced by such considerations.

As Sir Geoffrey Howe prepares to fly to Washington for talks on South Africa later this week, there are signs that the Government has appreciated this and has got its priorities right. Sir Geoffrey will distance himself physically and emotionally from the run-up, leaving the Commonwealth Games Federation to cope with the caprices of its members. It will be a pity if more nations turn the so-called Friendly Games into an instrument of hostility and pique. But if they do so, they must not be allowed to deflect this country from its wider sense of purpose.

That purpose — to help bring about peaceful and negotiated change in South Africa — can be approached only from a position of unity and strength. This is why Sir Geoffrey is in Washington this week, why Mr Derek Thomas, a deputy under-secretary at the Foreign Office, is visiting Australia and Japan and also, to some extent, why another senior diplomat Mr Ewan Ferguson is in South Africa itself — preparing the way for Sir Geoffrey.

The Foreign Secretary already has a united European Community behind him following last month's summit at The Hague. He flies to see President P.W. Botha on July 23 (coincidentally the eve of the Commonwealth Games) as the representative of Europe, not just Britain.

He has until the end of September to persuade President Botha to accelerate the pace of his reform programme. But should he fail, the Community already has an agreed position to fall back upon. In such an event it will consider a ban on new investment in the Cape and on the import of South African gold coins, coal and steel. As few firms in Europe are likely to seek new investment in South Africa right now, and as coal and steel are hardly among the commodities which the Community is short of, these are symbolic sanctions rather than real ones. Their function would be to keep Europe still united, come what may.

So far Britain is also in step with the United States and Japan. How far this will continue to be the case is a matter for speculation, given Congressional pressures on the White House. But this is why the Foreign Secretary goes to Washington this week.

Whether he sees black leaders in South Africa is arguably of secondary importance. What matters more at this stage is that Mr Botha should make the concessions which Sir Geoffrey badly needs if he is to continue to hold off the pressure building up for stronger sanctions.

President Botha complains, not without some justice, that he has never been given enough credit for the reforms he has introduced. It is also true that he is coping with political unrest on the right and that his government has never been very susceptible to international criticism. But South Africa needs bold leadership and there is only one direction in which he can realistically take his people. He must tell the Foreign Secretary that he will free Mr Nelson Mandela — the most glittering prize Sir Geoffrey could bring home. More important in the long term he must also move towards a dialogue, through Britain, with the currently banned African National Congress (ANC) and other black political groups.

It is possible that if Mr Botha decides to make any such concessions, he would prefer to delay announcing them until his own National Party congress on August 12-13, to avoid domestic criticism that he has succumbed to international pressure. He might simply intend to give Sir Geoffrey confidential notice of his intentions. But this would leave the danger that even the Foreign Secretary's skills would then be inadequate to stave off punitive sanctions. There would be the further danger that those sanctions would seem responsible for successes that had already been achieved without them.

It looks as if Sir Geoffrey will hold a preliminary meeting with Mr Botha tomorrow week, after which he will try to conduct a series of further consultations with front-line states (and those local black leaders who will see him) before a second Botha exchange on July 29. Five days later he faces the Commonwealth mini-conference in London, which will review the recent failure of the EPG mission.

It is fashionable but self-defeating to deride the Foreign Secretary's journey South. Those in the Commonwealth who do so deserve to have their motives re-examined and their political judgement questioned. Pretoria alone will benefit from the disunity they cause while only the right-wing extremists in South Africa can gain strength from the resentment they encourage.

In the end it is not the Commonwealth but the industrial nations which can put telling pressure on Pretoria. But it is the industrial nations which stand to lose by penal sanctions. To keep them together and apply their combined pressures, needs more patience and a better sense of timing than most governments seem to possess. To withdraw young black athletes at their moment of glory, from their chance of winning gold, is irrelevant to the central task in hand.

# ULSTER'S TIME OF TROUBLES

The curse of Northern Ireland is that a victory for one community there is invariably regarded as a defeat by the other community. That rule, however, does not always apply in reverse: what one side regards as a defeat is not necessarily regarded as a victory by the other.

Thus the Anglo-Irish Agreement is seen by the unionists — wrongly, in the opinion of *The Times* — as a disguised first step on the road to Irish unity. The nationalist community, with Dublin's agreement, regards it as, at best, a promissory note of future benefits.

But difficulties in the way of practical reforms — for instance, there are not enough police to phase out the UDR policing role — focus Catholic discontent upon the symbolism of Ulster politics. They object, in particular, to the July 12 marches through Catholic areas. Equally, though such marches have been increasingly re-routed by the police for some years now, the Protestant community re-

sented any attempt to do so this weekend as an example of creeping official Fenianism.

Trouble was therefore expected — and trouble there has been. Where it has occurred — notably at the small village of Rasharkin — it has been vicious. But it has not been widespread throughout the province. It has consisted of small-scale organized attacks rather than large-scale rioting. And, with a few exceptions, it has employed intimidation rather than direct violence against people.

One reason for this relative quiet may be that Dr Ian Paisley's temporary, dramatic but non-violent occupation of Hillsborough had a cathartic effect. Most Unionists felt that the British government had been shown the organized capacity of their community and were satisfied with that.

Another reason was the tactics of the RUC. In Portadown, they re-applied their 1985 ban on the traditional Unionist route. But an alternative route, easier to

police, allowed the Orange marchers to parade on the outskirts of the Catholic district. The main procession passed off peacefully enough, but a later loyalist procession tried to go further and led to rioting, and the local Catholics were angry at a concession to the other side. The compromise was an imperfect one — and both the nationalists and Dublin regard it as a betrayal. On balance, however, the police judgement must be counted correct since it avoided a large riot without conceding the main loyalist demand.

The general lesson is clear. The government should determine to live through the marching season without launching any serious political initiatives under the Anglo-Irish agreement — and without retreating from it either. Mr Paisley, according to the *Irish Times*, left for a holiday after his *manifestation* last Saturday. Ministers, too, should take a political holiday.

# VIETNAM'S NEW GERONTOCRAT

The death last week of Le Duan, the elderly leader of the Vietnamese Communist Party, was hailed by many as signalling the possible end of an unhappy era for Vietnam. Now, with the naming of Le Duan's contemporary, 79-year-old Truong Chinh, to take his place, any such hopes will have to be temporarily set aside.

The appointment of Truong Chinh, assuming his hitherto robust health holds out, is likely to mean more of the past for Vietnam, perhaps even more of the past than the country experienced towards the end of Le Duan's life. For Truong Chinh is regarded not only as an unbending communist ideologue, but as a younger leadership.

He has also held the post of Party General Secretary before, in the 1940s and early 1950s. At that time, his ruthless handling of a land reform programme in the north of the country brought the peasants close to revolt and caused him to be moved aside in favour of Le Duan. His accession to the supreme power of the General Secretaryship (after five years as state president) evokes a sense of *deja vu* which will be

as unwelcome in many quarters of Vietnam as it will be abroad.

Within Vietnam the sharp turns of policy, especially economic policy, that have been observed over the past two years suggested high-level disagreement between those who hoped for thorough decentralization along Chinese lines and those who believed that the country's difficulties stemmed from too lax an application of socialist principles.

Truong Chinh belonged firmly in the second camp. Now he is policy-maker in chief, even the tentative reforms that have been embarked on may be at risk. If they are, disillusionment among would-be reformers and among the younger generation could eventually precipitate a leadership crisis far more serious than the lurches of policy that characterized Le Duan's declining years.

Disappointment will greet Truong Chinh's accession abroad, too. In the West and in the countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean), that disappointment will focus on Indochina. For if Le Duan and

his government were reluctant to abandon the occupation of Cambodia, Truong Chinh, the hardline northerner, is likely to countenance the idea even less.

But the new Vietnamese leader may also find a less than enthusiastic reception in Moscow. As a battle-hardened, thoroughly traditional communist approaching 80, Truong Chinh is scarcely in local stone and mostly beautifully carved, with a tremendous variety of styles which include a fireman's helmet, a Humber keel, a Yorkshire terrier, and a 10-foot high mill chimney (commemorating "the oldest steeplejack in England"). Often these old burial grounds shelter interesting communities of flora and fauna, and those in urban sites are

perhaps of particular ecological value. This year the National Federation of Cemetery Friends was formed from groups all over the country, with the aim of encouraging and advising others wishing to rescue cemeteries threatened with neglect or clearance. Peter Burman (July 5) is absolutely right to extend the argument to the preservation of memorials. It is of precious little use for skill to be expended on the creation of a gravestone which will be left to decay, or which the cemetery or churchyard authority can remove and reduce to rubble in only 30 years' time. Yours truly, S. M. BARNARD, 2 North Park Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire.

# A Marshall Plan for S Africa

From Professor Emeritus William Gutteridge  
Sir, In your leader on South Africa (July 7) you suggest an international economic investment plan — a programme of positive measures to help the black population of that country to achieve the status which they properly claim. In fact, in Conflict Study No. 179, *The South African Crisis: Time for International Action*, published in September 1985, to which you referred at the time, I advocated a Marshall Plan for the whole of Southern Africa as an incentive to all the relevant leaders and groups to participate in negotiations leading to a new and generally more acceptable and stable order in the republic.

One necessary condition for the implementation of such a plan would be, as you suggest, the abolition of the provisions of the Group Areas Act and similar legislation. It would obviously be counter-productive, for example, for foreigners to fund more low-cost housing in Soweto and in any case the main reason why the South African Government's own improvement programme has made little impact is that it has been imposed, paternalistic and carried out without any effective consultation with genuine black leaders. Indeed, their full participation in decision-making about housing, education, medical services and job-creation is essential to progress in those fields as well as for the rule of law.

Without large-scale assistance from outside, whether it be through governments, business or voluntary agencies, whoever holds power in South Africa from now on is unlikely to be able to consolidate or maintain a post-apartheid society other than a siege economy. Whether serious sanctions are applied or not, Western countries now have not only a moral responsibility for what happens to South Africa, but a considerable economic obligation, which conveniently coincides with self-interest. Sanctions may be costly, damaging, ineffective but inevitable.

A constructive plan on a sufficient scale will be expensive and require just as determined a political will. Its success would, however, also depend on the co-operation of neighbouring states, who would otherwise probably be the first victims of effective sanctions. For this reason it is essential that Western assistance does not discriminate in favour of South Africa, but directly contributes to the development of the whole Southern African region.

To describe the proposition as a Marshall Plan gives an appropriate indication of the scale of help required if there is to be any chance of South Africa's converting itself into the prosperous, just and democratic society which almost all its leaders of all races allegedly want. Peace and co-operation with its neighbours to the north is an essential element in any lasting settlement. Yours faithfully, WILLIAM GUTTERIDGE, 26 St Mark's Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

# Sound effects

From the Chief Executive of the Institution of Environmental Health Officers  
Sir, My institution is pleased to note that Michael Church (Spectrum, July 2) appreciates the work of environmental health officers and the thankless task which they have in trying to control the problem of neighbourhood noise, which is reaching epidemic proportions. Indeed the level of complaint is so high in some districts that the local environmental health officer cannot investigate them all.

It is not simply a matter of legislation. With the increase in the availability of a vast range of noisy domestic equipment, from televisions and "sound systems" to automatic washing machines and food mixers, there is little appreciation of the nuisance which can be caused. The problem does not end

there, for not only do neighbours suffer extreme mental disturbance from the sound of domestic equipment but some owners of the equipment also suffer psychological pressure and mental stress because of their inability to prevent sound transmission through thin party walls.

Noise is sometimes used as a weapon in inter-neighbour disputes and so the environmental health officer becomes mediator in very difficult circumstances. However, he cannot always be relied upon to exercise the wisdom of Solomon. Responsibility must lie with the people who operate noisy equipment and with those who are responsible for the quality and construction of new dwellings.

Yours faithfully, A. M. JANNER, Chief Executive, The Institution of Environmental Health Officers, Chadwick House, Rushworth Street, SE1.

From Mr J. C. E. Murray  
Sir, There is a quite widespread misapprehension here that the strife in South Africa would be brought to an end by the expedient of holding an election on a "one-man one-vote" basis. This is, of course, nonsense. The African to Africa is far more conscious of tribe than he is of colour. The tribe allocated the most seats would win any election, just as Mugabe's Shonas did in Zimbabwe. His objective now (Mugabe's) is to carry out a policy of genocide on his main tribal rivals, the Ndebele-speaking peoples from the west of the country.

In South Africa we would have Nelson Mandela representing, primarily, the Xhosa speakers and Chief Buthezi the Zulus. Any inter-tribal vote would be regarded as treachery and they would systematically slaughter each other. Just as has happened to the north of the Republic of South Africa the opposition would go into hiding and the "Government" would amuse themselves by deploying troops and police to so-called "insurgent strongholds". Some of us have seen it all first-hand and, for one, am not proud of past associations with various regimes on that continent.

The end result would have to be, because of tribal obligations, a monolithic one-party dictatorship of the same stamp as Tanzania, Zambia, Zaire and (soon to be) Zimbabwe.

Yours faithfully, J. C. E. MURRAY, 62 Toobridge Road, Maidstone, Kent.

# Monumental choice

From Mrs S. M. Barnard  
Sir, Whatever the reason for the uninspired uniformity of modern memorials, there is no doubt that there is now a much greater appreciation of older churchyards and Victorian cemeteries. Our own relatively humble Victorian cemetery at Burmantofts, Leeds, can boast 16,000 memorials, the majority in local stone and mostly beautifully carved, with a tremendous variety of styles which include a fireman's helmet, a Humber keel, a Yorkshire terrier, and a 10-foot high mill chimney (commemorating "the oldest steeplejack in England"). Often these old burial grounds shelter interesting communities of flora and fauna, and those in urban sites are

# The past in focus

left to private bodies as there is no cash profit from them. Only a government-funded organisation could tackle them and make its findings available to all. This option, is of course, only second-best to the employment of a lot of archaeologists to do surveys on the ground — by miles the best way of recording historic remains. Nevertheless a central body of the kind proposed would provide a very helpful base from which to work. Yours faithfully, ROBERT L. SMITH, Director, Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland, 14a Napier Road, Edinburgh, July 7.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Basis of belief and the Bishop

From the Bishop of Durham  
Sir, Mr Eaton (July 12) has put his finger on the whole positive point of my General Synod speech about "Is our God worth believing in?" who he writes "but still [be] free to choose". My theme was that God has risked creation, freedom and choice in the mystery of his love. Therefore there is no triumphalistic God and no triumphalist Church. There is immediately enduring and eventually triumphing love. The suffering and risen Jesus clinches this point. So miracles are not "knock-down" proofs but particular gifts of love to faith.

Churches cannot legislate forever and a day on the basis of "knock-down" authority. All is more free, more risky and more requiring of exploring faith, and readiness for risking change. That is the glory of the love of God and the faith, hope and love of responsible but sinful women and men in our fallen, mysterious and redeemable world. Yours faithfully, DAVID DUNELM, Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, July 12.

## Voting in Synod

From Mr Maurice Chandler  
Sir, No one would dispute the statement in your leading article of July 7 that "It is to the House of Bishops that the Church has the 'right to look'". Some, however, would question a later sentence "The bishops as a body accurately reflect the range of opinions in the Church at large".

The inaccuracy of this latter statement is reflected in the voting in the General Synod where time after time the voting in the House of Bishops does not reflect that in the House of Laity and even more that in the House of Clergy. The voting in the three houses on July 5 on "Women ordained abroad" is the latest evidence of this. Neither does episcopal voting reflect the voting in the deanery synods — oo that or many other issues.

While the present system of appointments to bishoprics is in some measure responsible for this unrepresentative trait of the episcopate there are other factors. However, the Synod has, rightly I believe, charged the House of Bishops with the responsibility of attempting a solution to the complicated issues resulting from the proposal to ordain women to the priesthood in the Church of England. They must consult widely and reflect on the results carefully otherwise any proposals put forward may well end up like the ill-fated remarriage proposals. Yours faithfully, MAURICE CHANDLER, 1 Lowther Gardens, Prince Consort Road, SW7, July 10.

## Uniform discomfort

From Mr R. B. Brayne  
Sir, Mr Oughan (July 4) is quite right. The decline in Britons' sensible use of clothes in industry began with independence. The newly-arrived advisers and "experts" came with preconceived ideas of dress and looked down on us "colonials" for wearing our office dress of white shirts, open-neck shirt and stockings.

At the end of meetings of the new University College Council in Dar-es-Salaam I am sure I was more comfortable and alert than my colleagues in their dark suits and ties.

In the hot summer of 1976 I once walked across London Bridge to my office in the City in shorts, but I have not had the courage to repeat it. Yours faithfully, RICHARD BRAYNE (former district commissioner), Thriftwood Cottage, Broomlands Lane, Limsfield, Surrey, July 11.

## Parthian shot

From Mrs P. M. Kay  
Sir, Debased device — indeed, the use of PS (the Rev Dr W. R. S. Searles, July 9) Once I denoted merely that the writer lacked ability to construct his correspondence. Now it shows the influence of marketing agencies' advice on construction designed to trap the unwary scanner. The day I receive a circular without a PS, I might respond! Yours faithfully, PENNY KAY, 52 Matlock Road, Caversham Heights, Reading, Berkshire, July 9.

## Cabinet pudding

From Mr Ian Robinson  
Sir, Whilst browsing through the cold cabinet at my local supermarket I came across a yoghurt glorifying under the flavour of boysenberry and passion fruit. This made me ask myself three questions: What is a boysenberry, why team it with passion fruit and — at the risk of sending the manufacturers to dizzy new heights of creative frenzy — what will they think of next? A new exciting range of vegetable flavours such as kohlrabi and mangetout or radish and piceapple? Yours faithfully, IAN ROBINSON, 55 Purrett Road, Plumstead, SE18, July 9.

# ON THIS DAY

JULY 15 1940

After the fall of France and before the full impact of the Battle of Britain had been felt, Winston Churchill issued one of his rallying calls to the nation. In 1954 Churchill said of his wartime broadcasts: "I met the nation and the race dwelling all around the globe that had the lion's heart. I had the luck to be called upon to give the roar." He began his broadcast by explaining why it had been necessary to cripple the capital ships of the French navy in Nazi hands.

## PRIME MINISTER'S CALL TO THE NATION

In an inspiring broadcast last night the Prime Minister declared with emphasis the readiness of the nation to defend its native land against the invasion with which it is threatened.

Mr. Churchill said: "Let us think rather of the future. Today is the Fourteenth of July, the National Festival of France. A year ago in Paris I watched the stately parade down the Champs-Élysées of the French Army and the French Empire. Who could foresee what the course of a year will bring? Who can foresee what the course of other years will bring? Faith is given to us as a help and comfort when we stand in awe before the unfurling scroll of human destiny. And I proclaim my faith that some of us will live to see a Fourteenth of July when a liberated France will once again rejoice in her greatness and in her glory, and once again stand forward as the champion of the freedom and the rights of man. Who that day dawned, as dawn it will, the soul of France will turn with comprehension and kindness to those Frenchmen and Frenchwomen whose lives may be, who in the darkest hour did not despair of the Republic..."

## READY TO MEET INVASION

All goes to show that the war will be long and hard, no one can tell where it will spread. One thing is certain, the peoples of Europe will not be ruled for long by the Nazi Gestapo, nor will the world yield itself to Hitler's gospel of hatred, appetite and domination.

And now it has come to us to stand alone in the breach and face the worst that the tyrant's might and enmity can do. Bearing ourselves humbly before God, but conscious that we are ready to defend our native land against the invasion by which it is threatened. We are fighting by ourselves alone. But we are not fighting for ourselves alone. Here in this strong city of refuge, which ensures the title-deeds of human progress, and is of deep consequence to Christian civilization; here, girt about by the seas and oceans where the Navy reigns, shielded from above by the prowess and devotion of our air-men, we await undismayed the impending assault.

Should the invasion come, there will be no placid lying down of the people in submission before him as we have seen — alas! — in other countries. We shall defend every village, every town and every city. The vast mass of London itself, fought street by street, could easily devour an entire hostile army, and we would rather see London laid in ruins and ashes than that it should be tamely and abjectly enslaved. I am bound to state these facts, because it is necessary to inform our people of our intentions and thus to reassure them.

## ALL LENGTHS

I stand at the head of a Government representing all parties in the State, all creeds, all classes, every recognizable section of opinion. We are ranged beneath the Crown of our ancient Monarchy. We are supported by a free Parliament and a free Press. But there is one bond which unites us all and sustains us in the public regard — namely, as is becoming increasingly known, we are prepared to proceed to all extremities to endure them, and to enforce them. That is our bond of union. In this bond we shall keep nothing back and we shall go all lengths.

Thus only in times like these can nations preserve their freedom; thus only can they uphold the cause entrusted to their care. But all depends now upon the whole life-strength of the British race in every part of the world, and of all our associated peoples, and of all our well-wishers in every land doing their utmost right and day, giving all, daring all, enduring all, to the utmost, to the end. This is no war of chieftains or of princes, of dynasties or national ambitions. It is a war of peoples and of causes. There are vast numbers, not only in this island but in every land, who will render faithful service in this way, but whose names will never be known, whose deeds will never be recorded. This is the war of the Unknown Warriors. But let all strive without failing in faith or in duty, and the dark course of Hitler will be lifted from our age.

## Open to view

From Mrs Deborah Clark  
Sir, I, to my amusement, have been regarded as a foreigner in my own country.

A few years ago I was in a souvenir shop in Canterbury during the height of the tourist season. I was buying a few postcards and since I wanted to get rid of as many small coins from my purse as I could rather than hand over a pound, I was standing by the counter counting out the coins from my hand.

The shop assistant leaned right over the counter, took my hand in hers and with a large smile counted the money out of my hand for me. "I murmured 'Merci beaucoup', Yours truly, DEBORAH CLARK, 14 Manor Park Avenue, Princes Risborough, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.



THE ARTS

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Television  
Hollow question

Meeting Terry Waite on a train somewhere and entering into conversation with him, an intelligent peasant might reasonably draw any of the following conclusions: that the man is 1) the Archangel Gabriel, 2) a clerical version of General Haig or 3) an "interesting busybody" (the recent words of one MP). Watching him last night, in conversation with Princess Anne, the penny finally dropped that Terry Waite might have his eyes on an even loftier role-model, namely Alistair Burnet.

One's first response to the news that the Archbishop's Special Envoy had been called upon to present a series of four interviews was that the BBC must be in terrible trouble. One's second response, in watching the first of these, *A Royal View* (BBC2), was that it is - at least for the next three Mondays at around 5.30.

The problem was not Princess Anne, who was relaxed, natural and, like her father the week before, just not prepared to answer questions she thought stupid. ("Would you say you were a good mother?" "Is monarchy as popular as it's ever been?") No, the problem lay in these stupid questions which elicited nothing but an exchange of views consisting largely of platitudes and giggling.

Looking like a great St Bernard which had lost its brandy-barrel, Waite inspected his hands and started talking about himself. Instead of drawing Princess Anne out more specifically about her invaluable work for children in developing countries, he told her of his own trips, the difficulties he has when accompanying the Archbishop, the time when he was held up in Africa. Suddenly, the priest had become the confessor. Putting one final question - "And I'll answer it first" - Waite revealed he would like to have been a musician. Gracefully the Princess wished him well.

Another churchman, David Protheroe, was shamelessly using the cameras to greater effect on BBC1. Produced by Brian Turvey, *No Place to Rest* was a harrowing documentary which followed this reverend's exposure of Merthyr Tydfil's local council. Ten years ago Merthyr municipal cemetery was declared full by the sexton, yet the council continued to dig - and, as a result, desecrate thousands of graves. The anguish of those who had exhumed the remains of their relatives was keenly conveyed - as was the possibility that such goings-on were not restricted to Merthyr. The community's finger pointed tremblingly at the town hall, whose silence was as sinister as the accusations levelled against it. Apparently the only power with authority to prosecute the council on this matter is the council itself.

Nicholas Shakespeare

A recital is being given in the Crush Bar at Covent Garden on Thursday by Ann Murray and Philip Langridge in aid of this year's Wexford Festival. A limited number of tickets will be on sale at the door, price £15, which includes a pre-recital drink at 12.30 and a buffet lunch at 2 following the performance.

Galleries

A master reinstated in the pantheon

Mulready/  
Masterpieces of  
Photography  
1839-1886  
Victoria and Albert  
Museum

L'Amour fou:  
Photography and  
Surrealism  
Hayward

The reputation of William Mulready has probably suffered more than any other from the Victorians' passion for turning all their great men, retrospectively at least, into plaster saints. Not that a wildly irregular sex-life such as Mulready's, littered apparently with "low boys" (his wife's phrase) and long- and short-term mistresses, necessarily does anything to make anyone a more interesting artist. But it does, for us at least, make him a decidedly more interesting man, and gives us a different angle of approach to his art. This Mulready sorely needs, if he is to be redeemed from the class of cosy Victorian anecdotalists like Frith. And this is precisely what he gets in the Victoria and Albert's revelatory show, which until October 12 is marking the centenary of his death.

For though, as Marcia Pointon, author of the excellent catalogue/book and the very useful captions to the individual exhibits, points out, Mulready was undoubtedly much concerned with telling stories in pictorial terms that does not mean that he was totally unconcerned with everything else. The stories behind his pictures have, indeed, often become so much overlaid with other things that, even in his own day, they often stood in need of explanation. And in any case we are usually presented with more of a dramatic situation than a whole narrative that we are expected to disentangle.

The wonderfully intricate *The Careless Messenger Detected* (1821), for instance, does invite us to suppose that

the boy who has been sent to buy candles with his baby sister has let himself be led astray by rough companions into playing games disapproved of by the mother who is bawling him out for his misdemeanours. But that is the mere skeleton of a situation, hardly more than an excuse for Mulready to elaborate one of his characteristically intricate, tense compositions, leading us to borne in on bizarre details, like the single watching eye glimpsed in the crook of the defendant boy's arm, or adventure away into the far distance through the gate in the background, a typical Mulready device, before returning inevitably to the central drama.

In other words, Mulready is almost always much more complex in his interests, and in the demands he makes on us, than would at first glance appear. And it is surely not just the extra knowledge of his private life we can obtain from reading the astonishing letter from his wife I have already quoted (which is included in the show) that makes us suppose there is frequently a much stronger sexual undercurrent in his work than we might expect from the model husband and father, of mild and melancholy mien in his later years, that F. G. Stephens's 1867 biography presents us with. The seemingly innocent *Brother and Sister* of 1835-36, seen in this light, takes on a far different significance, since quite evidently what we are shown is a piece of sexual play with the baby being dandled as excuse and cover. In any case, who are the brother and sister? The child and the girl holding it? Or the boy and the child being held in some maid-servant's arms? Or - surely not - the two young people so suggestively intertwined over the baby?

Such questions are not as frivolous or irrelevant to the artistic effect as we might guiltily suppose. A similar interest is built quite certainly into Mulready's academic nudes, so much more evasive and evocative that Etty's forays into Rubens territory. There is hardly a Mulready painting - and nearly all the major works extant are included in this show - which does not require, and enforce, a similar close attention, not only to the superficial storytelling elements but also to the highly sophisticated methods of picture-building he uses and to the rich and sensuous quality of the paint itself.

Anyone who remembers the dazzling show of the V & A's holding of Mulready drawings in 1972 will be aware already that he is one of the great unsung heroes of English draughtsmanship. This show puts him back in the pantheon of great British painters, and in an unexpectedly exalted place at that. Upstairs in the Henry Cole Wing there is a show not inaccurately but somewhat misleadingly entitled *Masterpieces of Photography 1839-1886* (until November 30). That is to say, there is certainly a sufficient number of "masterpieces", in the sense of pictures that almost anybody even vaguely conscious of photography as an art-form would recognize, at once. Brassai's most defiantly hurly lady, Kertész's near-surrealist scene under a viaduct somewhere in France and so on, plus some lesser-known like John Deakin's battered but wonderful portrait of the young Francis Bacon, which must surely be recognized as in the same class.

But for such a resounding title it is a relatively small show, crowded into the photography gallery, which is really just an anteroom to the present darkened water-colour room. Also, its air of being thrown together from pictures ready to hand in the museum's collection is intensified by the sizeable presence in it of modern prints rather than originals made by or under the direct supervision of the photographers themselves - and sometimes, as in the case of the Beato Thirties Dietrich, rather poor copies at that. Surely the art, if we accept it to be an art, calls for more respect than this?

It understandably receives it in *L'Amour fou*, an extraordinary show of surrealist photography which until October 5 rather incongruously occupies the upper level of the Hayward while the Scandinavian masterworks of *Dreams*

eratic arias by the 19th-century Brazilian Carlos Gomes and Puccini took one into a realm of high romantic dreams. I could not have wished for a more touching "Si chiamano Mimmi" from *La Bohème*. Not only was the legato flawless, but above this the intensely felt passion created the illusion that one was in a great opera-house.

The Australian flautist Sally Stocks seemed a little rattled by an over-loud accompanist. If she were to relax more mentally I feel that her at present tightly controlled playing could undergo a metamorphosis. In the Martini Sonata (1945), with its fresh pastoral imagery, Miss Stocks effectively exploited the flute as a lightly dancing instrument; low notes in the adagio slow movement were magnificently sustained.

James Methuen-Campbell



of a Summer Night are en-  
sconced down below. Not that  
a touch of incongruity and  
dislocation does not become  
the show, fitting in perfectly  
with the surrealist ethos.

The photographs - every  
single one an original, as far as  
I can see - are arranged  
thematically to demonstrate  
the surrealists' attitude to  
sexuality (some what inclined  
to male chauvinism, it ap-  
pears, despite the presence of  
at least one important female  
photographer, Lee Miller, and  
even if we agree that Bellmer's  
dolls in bondage are a special  
case, their gift for finding the  
bizarre in the heart of the  
everyday by isolating a detail  
or recording one of life's more  
curious casual juxtapositions,  
and their sheer outrageous  
humour. (I heard someone  
actually laugh out loud at one  
of Man Ray's jollier inven-  
tions, but she was instantly  
shushed for behaviour unbecom-  
ing in a serious gallery.)

The variety is considerable,  
allowing us into many diverse  
and extraordinary private

worlds. Some of Kertész's  
*Distortions* of the early Thirties,  
for instance, take us into  
terrifically very close to the  
Picasso paintings of the same  
period. Raoul Ubac's meticulously  
controlled arrangements  
like *La Chambre* invoke a very  
different type of surrealist  
vision, in which just a touch of  
oddity (in this case the bedroom  
door giving straight on to the  
night sky) serves to throw us off  
our normal responses. And Jacques-  
André Boiffard's extreme close-ups  
of fingers and toes might well be -  
and were perhaps sometimes in-  
tended to be - scientific documents  
of the kind the surrealists loved  
to annex for far-from-scientific  
purposes. The whole show is a  
mind-opening, consciousness-raising  
experience, and what better could  
any self-respecting surrealist ask,  
especially half a century or more  
after the event?

John Russell  
Taylor

Cheltenham  
Festival

Kronos Quartet  
Pump Room

Saturday's quartet programme  
looked disparate on paper, but  
turned out to be compellingly  
unified, and not only by the  
close, even severe attention  
brought to bear on all four  
works by the Kronos Quartet.  
Here at the end of the recital  
was Shostakovich's Eighth  
Quartet proving itself just as  
much a fantasy on a single  
theme as Sallinen's Third that  
had been heard before: the  
difference was just that  
Sallinen prefers an Old Finnish  
funeral march to Shosta-  
kovich's D-S-C-H musical  
monogram. And there were  
links, too, back to the opening  
work, Peter Sculthorpe's  
Eighth Quartet, in the intensi-  
ty of the ostinatos and the  
strong vein of elegiac cello  
melody, beautifully moulded  
in both works by Joan  
Jeanreaud.

These quartets all date from  
the 1960s, at which time a  
connection between the Rus-  
sian master and younger,  
more "progressive" musicians  
might have seemed unlikely.  
The Kronos, however, have  
the style and the intelligence  
to overcome easy oppositions.  
By emphasizing the more  
formal qualities of the Shosta-  
kovich - its perpetual motive  
variation, its use of the *adagio*  
as more a musical gesture than  
a record of feeling - provided  
for a robust performance,  
keeping its power to the end  
and not flagging under the  
load of autobiographical misery  
that a more emotionally  
indulgent approach can so  
easily imply.

Standing slightly apart, at  
the middle of the evening was  
*Evenings* by William Kraft,  
one of the festival's featured  
Californian composers. The  
piece had a good excuse for  
outsidership in combining the  
quartet with a percussion  
soloist (Peter Sadlo), though  
in fact it achieved some  
remarkable bridgings of the  
obvious gaps, notably by hav-  
ing the percussionist bow on  
metal instruments or, in a  
passage of sheer theatre, re-  
quiring the string players to  
turn and drift bows across  
antique cymbals as back-  
ground to a vibrapone cadenza.  
But one problem of the  
piece, which may be a prob-  
lem inherent in the medium,  
is that snappy closing ideas are  
much more easily found than  
lices of continuation.

Paul Griffiths

Music in London

Kronos Quartet  
ICA

Fresh from knocking them flat  
at the Cheltenham Festival,  
the Kronos Quartet were back  
in London on Sunday night  
for another slice through the  
modern quartet literature.  
This time the works were all  
recent, with the exception of  
LaMonte Young's *Five Small  
Pieces*, which dates from the  
late 1950s and could easily  
have been half a century older.  
Still, so accurately did it  
convey the soft, thin, drifting  
harmonies and the miniature  
ostinatos of Webern's *Bagatelles*:  
only the breaths of  
melody were missing.

One knew Young had started  
off like this, before becoming  
the guru of minimalism, but it  
was nevertheless mystifying to  
have the knowledge actual-  
ized.

Gabrieli Quartet  
Wigmore Hall

One is always willing to ignore  
wrong notes, poor tuning or  
any other incidental mishaps  
which might occur in the  
course of the performance if  
that performance has been  
thoughtfully prepared. But in  
the case of the Gabrieli  
Quartet's reading of Mozart's  
F major String Quartet, K.590,  
enough was enough. It was not  
just that there were more  
mistakes than usual - the  
tuning was distinctly approxi-  
mate on many an occasion.  
The death of spontaneous  
imagination was as much a  
cause for concern as was the  
apparent lack of forethought,  
something necessary however  
often one might have played  
the piece.

In addition the degrees of  
light and shade in the instru-  
mental tones seemed limited,  
so that most of the work came  
across as rather grey, while the  
finale in particular suffered for  
want of attention to articula-  
tion. Here also the ensemble  
was often garbled, which  
meant that the inner tension

fighting a lone battle against  
three bore-again per-  
cussionists.

Percussion instruments  
were involved too in Mel  
Graves's cheerfully crude  
*Panacea*, a package-tour of  
world musical culture. *Link-  
ing*, by the Korean composer  
Jin Hi Kim, was a much more  
coherent, if much less ambi-  
tious, essay in integration.  
Luminous chords, held and  
made to glide, together with  
the more obvious introduc-  
tion of pizzicato pentatony,  
suggested a Takemitsu-like  
ability to hover between east-  
ern and western traditions.

Kevin Volans's *White Man  
Steeps*, on the other hand,  
would have it that there is no  
"between" to occupy. Within  
a repetitive style in the region  
of Philip Glass, he found it  
perfectly possible to take up  
hints from African dance mu-  
sic, reminding one by the way  
that east-west syntheses on the  
basis of ostinatos go back at  
least to the scherzo of  
Debussy's quartet (which I  
would love to hear the Kronos  
play).

I suppose one cannot quite  
clear one's head of political  
implications when a South  
African composer writes a  
work with this content, and  
indeed this title, but the  
Kronos performed it as a  
virtuoso, lightly dancing  
escapee.

Paul Griffiths

of the music no longer existed.  
Fortunately Janáček's Sec-  
ond Quartet, "Intimate  
Letters", elicited a response  
from the Gabrieli which was  
obviously more involved, al-  
though again there were one or  
two technical problems and  
one sensed that some of the  
composer's more personal  
rhetorical gestures were fitted  
somewhat awkwardly into the  
design of the whole. Nothing,  
though, could detract from the  
emotional power of this score;  
it is good that we are getting  
the chance to hear it relatively  
often these days.

Stephen Pettitt

London débuts  
Sublime  
purity

stein" Sonata had the odd  
combination of relaxed tech-  
nical mastery and bombonic  
of mood that deadened its  
dramatic effect. It was too  
pleasant on the ear. Sins do  
fill justice to the polyphonic  
rich of the music, however,  
and this is much to his credit.  
It would be good if this  
concert could extend to em-  
bracing a greater awareness  
of the structure.

The soprano Fatima Alegria  
from Brazil has had many  
years' experience of public  
performance, though she is  
certainly more adept in the  
operatic repertoire than in  
*Lieder*. Her sunny voice has a  
wide and effective range. Op-

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Abaco buys surveyor

Abaco Investments, the acquisitive financial services and property group, is buying Messenger May Baverstock, a chartered surveyor, for £5.32 million. Messenger has 10 offices in Surrey and Hampshire and is a good geographical fit with Bridgers, the estate agency business bought by Abaco in February. Messenger's turnover in 1985 was £3.5 million and net profit before tax was £303,000. Profits should show a substantial increase this year, due to buoyant trading, the company said.

The acquisition will reduce Abaco's cash pile to £5 million. It is continuing to look for acquisitions in financial services. Profits fall United Leasing, the computer leasing company, is raising £8.2 million in 9.5 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock. The company announced a fall in pretax profits from £5.29 million to £4.40 million in the year to March 31. Tempus, page 22

Crown rise

Crown House Engineering, the contracting to tableware group, raised pretax profits by 16 per cent to £7.16 million last year on turnover 22 per cent higher at £202 million. The dividend goes up to 7.9p a share, a rise of 13 per cent. Tempus, page 22

Evode gain

Evode, the adhesives company, increased pretax profits from £1.1 million to £1.26 million on turnover up from £31.1 million to £32.6 million in the six months to March 29. The interim dividend is 1.04p, up from 0.94p. Tempus, page 22

Bank ahead

Robert Fleming, the merchant bank, increased profits after tax from £18.5 million to £22.2 million for the year to March 31. The dividend is being raised from 45p to 52p. Capital and reserves rose from £167 million to £195 million.

Date for TSB

The transfer of the Trustee Savings Bank to the private banking sector takes place next Monday, the Commons was told yesterday.

Standard fall

Shares in the Standard Chartered group plunged 58p to 717p on the Stock Exchange yesterday after the failure of the £1.3 billion takeover bid from Lloyds Bank, cutting Standard Chartered's valuation by £91 million. Kenneth Fleet, page 23

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for Stock Markets, Interest Rates, Currencies, and North Sea Oil. Includes data for New York, Tokyo, London, and various interest rates.

Sterling slides as oil price dips below \$9

By David Smith Economics Correspondent

The pound fell sharply yesterday, as oil prices hit new lows below \$9 a barrel. Shares were also down heavily in London and Wall Street. Good producer price figures for Britain failed to reverse the adverse sentiment. Government stocks recorded their fourth successive sharp fall and money market interest rates were marked up by up to 7/8 points, as base rate hopes were extinguished. The gold fell by 2.32 cents to \$1,483.00, having traded below \$1.48 before dollar-selling helped sterling late in the day. Against the mark, the pound fell 5 pennings to DM3.2363. Sterling's index fell by 1.2 points, compared with Friday's close, to 73.4, its lowest level since March 7. Dealers said that the pound, after appearing to acquire immunity to oil price worries, was once more highly sensitive to movements in crude prices. Sterling is prone to weakness at this time of year. In July 1984, the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, had to raise interest rates to head off a run on sterling. Yesterday, the price of Brent oil fell below \$9 a barrel for the first time. Brent crude was quoted at \$8.85 a barrel, and \$9.15 for delivery in September. North Sea Forties crude for immediate delivery was \$8.70 a barrel, and Middle

Eastern crudes were even lower, with prices quoted at \$7.05 a barrel. The latest fall is partly technical, as the oil companies keep out of the market before committing themselves to rebuilding stocks, and partly reflects the fundamental supply/demand situation. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is now producing more than 19 million barrels a day. Share prices in London reacted badly to the latest downward swing in the pound and oil prices, and further selling occurred when Wall Street opened 15 points down at 1,806.66. Last week, the Dow Jones industrial average fell by 79 points. The index later steadied at around 1,805 after briefly falling below 1,800. Shares in London were still slipping at the close and in

fuel costs fell by 1.2 per cent last month, to a level 8.4 per cent down on a year earlier. This was due mainly to lower prices of imported raw materials, particularly foodstuffs, and further reductions in industrial electricity charges. Manufacturing industry's raw material and fuel costs, which in May were down by 8.7 per cent on a year earlier, have now fallen steadily for nearly 18 months. On a seasonally adjusted basis, they were nearly 13 per cent lower in June than in February 1985.

Government stocks were hit particularly hard by the pound's weakness and interest rate worries. Long-dated stocks fell by as much as £2. The latest dip in oil prices is unlikely to have an early beneficial effect on inflation. Leading oil companies said yesterday that it would take between three and six weeks for the latest oil price fall to affect petrol prices, and that the pound's weakness would partly offset the effects of lower crude prices. There is already evidence of petrol price weakness, with one report of four-star petrol selling at £1.53 a gallon. But the oil companies dismissed the possibility of a general fall to £1.50.

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Coloroll wins over Staffs Potteries

By Richard Lander

Coloroll, the wallpaper and furnishing group, has finally won over Staffordshire Potteries, the mug and tableware manufacturer, to end an on-off saga that has lasted most of the year. After an earlier round of failed merger talks and a hotly-contested bid from Coloroll in March, the two companies yesterday announced an agreed £15 million takeover which has already clinched 51.2 per cent acceptance. Coloroll is offering a four-for-five share swap against the two-for-three terms in the contested bid, while the cash alternative is 154p against 133p previously. Staffordshire shares ended 10p higher yesterday at 153p. Coloroll's previous £14 million bid lapsed in May after a vigorous defence from Staffordshire. Yesterday's agreed offer was allowed to take place after a ruling from the Takeover Panel which waived

the normal three-month waiting period between such approaches. Far from giving up after its earlier bid lapsed, Coloroll retained a large investment in Staffordshire that was never going to allow its target much peace. Apart from building up a 29.9 per cent stake in Staffordshire's ordinary capital, the maximum allowed, Coloroll held 74.9 per cent of its preference shares which would increase its voting stake to 48.3 per cent on conversion. Mr Bill Bowers, Staffordshire's chairman, said yesterday this was the main reason why talks were reopened four weeks ago with Coloroll. He has been asked to join the Coloroll board. A spokesman for Coloroll's banker, S.G. Warburg, said the total offer would actually cost the company about £13 million because of the low cost of its earlier Staffordshire shares.

Natwest's US profits set record

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

National Westminster Bank USA, the US subsidiary of the British clearing bank, yesterday announced record net income for the first half of this year after a 21 per cent increase in profits. Natwest USA produced net profits of \$32.7 million (£22 million) for the six months to June 30, up from \$26.9 million in the first half of last year. The result includes a 22 per cent increase in net income in the second quarter of this year to \$17.4 million from \$14.2 million. Return on net assets over six months improved from 0.63 per cent last year to 0.65 per cent this time. Mr William T Knowles, chairman and chief executive of Natwest USA, said the increase in quarterly earnings was the result of strong gains in domestic markets, leading to a growth in loans, deposits and fee income. The results were also helped by a \$3 million fall in income tax provisions. The improvement in performance was achieved despite an increase in provisions for bad debt. Natwest said. Provisions for the second quarter were up by more than \$4 million to \$15.7 million while provisions for the six-month period amounted to \$28.7 million, up from \$23 million a year ago. The bank says its level of provisions is now among the highest in the US, with combined provisions covering 94 per cent of all its non-performing loans.

Sale Tilney expands

It already owns the Monument Marine and General Insurance company, based in the Isle of Man, and has insurance broking and fund management interests. Last month it paid £1.66 million for Ivor Burt and Sons, the Lloyd's broker. Yesterday's acquisitions should boost Sale Tilney's revenue from financial services, which produced pretax profit of £960,000 in its last financial year.

Ratners soars

By Alison Eadie. Ratners, the jewellery chain which merged with H Samuel in May to form the country's largest jewellery group, has achieved profits 50 per cent higher in the first three months of this financial year. Announcing doubled taxable profits of £4.28 million in the year to April 6, Mr Gerald Ratner, chief executive of the enlarged group, said the move to cheaper, more fashion-orientated jewellery was pushing up sales per shop. A similar formula is being applied to the 400 H Samuel outlets with the aim of changing half the merchandise before the Christmas selling period. The sale and leaseback programme for H Samuel's 175 freehold shops is also under way. H Samuel's taxable profits rose only marginally to £5.9 million in the year to February 1, compared with £5.8 million in 1984-85, while Ratners' have doubled in two successive years.

Hongkong Land chief to leave

Mr David Davies, the chief operating officer and managing director of Hongkong Land, one of Hong Kong's largest property companies, is to leave at the end of next month. He will be succeeded by Mr Nigel Rich, Hongkong Land's finance director. Mr Davies who has been at Hongkong Land for three years, said yesterday: "I came to Hong Kong to turn the company around and I have done that. It is now time to look for new challenges. For the first time in almost 20 years I am free as air. I am keeping my base in Hong Kong and I am totally flexible in what I might do." The corporate challenge is to find companies that are not living off their full potential and need some pepping up. Rescuing companies from the verge of collapse is a bit trying on the nerves. Mr Davies, who went to Hongkong Land on



Charles Fry with an 1899 painting of a team containing C B Fry (front, holding bat)

USM opener for a cricketing Fry

By Lawrence Lever

Johnson Fry, the financial services group run by Mr Charles Fry, the former Hampshire and Northamptonshire county cricketer and grandson of the former England captain C B Fry, is to be floated on the milsted securities market in December. The flotation, via a placing of 25 per cent of the equity, values the business at £5 million. Mr Fry, joint managing director, was one of the company's founders in 1969. He has developed it from a life insurance broker business. He said yesterday: "I originally chose insurance broking because at the time it was the only job I could do which left me the summer free to play cricket."

Johnson Fry is best known as a sponsor of Business Expansion Scheme companies. It has raised £38.7 million BES money over the past 18 months, making it the most successful BES sponsor so far. About 4,500 individuals have invested in Johnson Fry's 15 BES prospectus issues and BES funds. The scheme, however, accounts for only just over half of Johnson Fry's profits, with personal financial management activities such as tax planning, insurance and mortgage broking and investment management responsible for the balance.



Reminder...of C B Fry

BSC names new chief executive

By Our City Staff

The British Steel Corporation has named Mr Martin Llowarch, a former accountant, as its new chief executive. Mr Llowarch, aged 51, who joined the BSC in 1968 as head of special projects, has been deputy chief executive since the appointment in April of Mr Robert Scholey as chairman and chief executive. He was previously managing director, finance. Mr Llowarch has announced the appointment of Mr Malcolm Parkinson as its chief executive. He is currently marketing director of B&Q, the Woolworth subsidiary. Mr Derek Prety will become deputy chief executive.

City shaken by Guinness board changes

By Kenneth Fleet

Guinness yesterday confirmed The Times report that Mr Ernest Saunders succeeds the Earl of Iveagh as chairman, a position he will combine with his present role of chief executive. At the same time the Guinness board expressed its "regrets that it has not been possible to reach agreement with Sir Thomas Risk and he will not now be invited to join the board nor therefore be nominated as non-executive chairman." This statement detonated a small underground nuclear explosion in the City. Sir Thomas Risk, who is Governor of the Bank of Scotland, has complained to the Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, about the decisions of the Guinness board and allegations about "demands" he made which may have sparked off the final confrontation between him and Mr Saunders. Yesterday he was contemplating what action he might take. The same was true of the principal advisers to Guinness and Distillers during the struggle between Guinness and Argyll to acquire Distillers. Morgan Grenfell and the brokers Wood, Mackenzie and Cazenove who acted for Guinness and Kleinwort, Benson, merchant banking advisers to Distillers were making sour noises. Lord Rockley, of Kleinwort, said: "We are all considering the day's events and will react in due course."

One Distillers nominee to the promised holding company board for the new Guinness-Distillers group, Mr Charles Fraser, chairman of Morgan Grenfell (Scotland), having barely concealed his opposition to Guinness's change of course, has promptly departed. The considered reaction of the advisers, important institutional shareholders and the other four Distillers nominees to the now abandoned holding company board - Mr William Spengler, Mr John Connell (the former Distillers chairman), Mr David Connell and Sir Nigel Brookes - will be influenced by the actions, if any, of the Bank of England.

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Profits soar by 42% at Hampton Trust

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

Pretax profits of Hampton Trust, the property and gold mining company, for the year ended March 31 rose by 42 per cent to £962,000, according to the preliminary results. The transformation of Hampton into a mainstream property company can be seen by the fact that the portfolio with 50 per cent of its properties in the retail sector, is valued at £55.5 million, compared with £17 million for the corresponding period. Net rental income is £5.5 million a year, which the company says will gradually

increase to £6.6 million over the next five years. The portfolio will be revalued for the next year end, and it should see a healthy uplift. Net assets rose from £10.75 million to £23.84 million. Earnings per share fell to 1.63p from 2.27p with the company issuing 29 million shares in the year. The final dividend will be 0.65p, bringing the total to 1.28p a share compared with 0.70p.

Hampton specializes in buying secondary properties at high yields. It then refurbishes them.

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WALL STREET

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street stocks fell below the 1,800-level for the first time since mid-May...

Traders cited pressure from IBM's report of lower second-quarter earnings...

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P&O to spend £35m on new hall at Earls Court complex

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

Earls Court and Olympia, the exhibitions and conferences arm of the P&O group, is to spend £35 million on a second hall at Earls Court...

£50m debut for food group

Acatos & Hutcheson, a leading producer of edible oils, is joining the stock market this month...

United Leasing issue shows nerves of steel

To launch a rights issue on the back of lower profits takes gall. To launch one after a sharp drop in the share price...

Evode is showing keen interest in the fate of Unibond, which Bechem recently put up for sale...

At the year end, United Leasing had borrowings of £17.4 million and obligations of £12.4 million...

Realizing any of these options could take time. Meanwhile, shareholders who still have faith in the company...

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

£4.4 billion wiped off shares as indicators take a nosedive

By Michael Clark

The weaker pound and falling oil prices sent both equities and gilts into a nosedive yesterday as the new account got under way.

More than £4.4 billion was wiped from the value of quoted shares as jobbers decided to take defensive action and marked prices sharply lower first thing sending investors racing for the sidelines. Turnover slowed to a trickle with prices continuing to drift throughout the session on lack of interest. By the close

Laura Ashley has been given the go-ahead to quote its shares in ADR form on New York's over-the-counter market, but it will not be raising extra funds. This disappointed the market. The price fell after 3p to 211p. It could rally after a visit to the company on Thursday by a party of brokers.

The FT index of 30 shares had fallen 27.4 to 1,309.9, while the broader FT-SE 100 lost 29.1 to 1,597.3. This latest shakeout follows hard on the heels of last week's record 30-point fall.

Gloomy weekend press comments and another dull start to trading on Wall Street also hit confidence. The economists linked the latest weakness in sterling to the falling oil price, but dealers were quick to point out that the oil price had been in a free fall for the past six months, though the foreign exchange market has started to recognize this only now.

The decline of sterling also called into doubt the prospect of an imminent cut in bank base rates. Investors had been hoping that the Bank of England would follow the lead last week of its American counterpart, the Federal Reserve,

the counter market, made a confident start in first-time dealings on the full market. The 4.2 million shares (22 per cent of the issued share capital) were placed at 63p and opened at 68p—a premium of 5p. That will be good news for the Rev Michael Barling, a non-executive director, whose family originally founded the business. He has already sold 250,000 shares worth £157,000 and still has a beneficial interest in another 2.59 million shares now valued at £1.76 million.

MY Dart, the sport equipment, packaging and fireworks manufacturer, advanced 2 1/2p to 45p after learning that Kuwait's Coast Investment and Development Co had almost doubled its holding in the shares. It has bought an extra two million shares to MY Dart from Timppa 69 Proprietary, the Australian group. It takes Coast's total holding in the company to 4.6 million shares, 22.4 per cent of votes. MY Dart has often been tipped as a possible takeover target and the privately-owned Mepstar Finance fulfilled speculation after building up a stake of 2.1 million shares (10.2 per cent). Earlier this year MY Dart made an abortive bid for rival Standard Fireworks.

Staffordshire Potteries jumped 10p to 153p after Coleroll bounced back with an agreed bid worth £15 million. Coleroll is offering four of its shares for every five Staffordshire Potteries, or 154p in cash. Coleroll's previous attempt at bidding for SP back in March ended in failure. Coleroll already owns a near 30 per cent stake in SP, but also announcing plans for a proposed rights issue to raise £12.9 million.

Mr Raymond Burger, an analyst at Vivian Gray, the broker, expects Eiders, the Australian brewer, to return for Allied Lyons if given the go-ahead by the Monopolies Commission. The deal between 380p and 400p. Mr Burger has also upgraded his earnings forecast for the current year from 27.5p to 32p based on pretax profits of £307 million against £260 million last time. The shares fell 7p to 333p.

The secondary offering of 75 million Hanson Trust ordinary shares was completed at 180p, being the price prior to close of business yesterday on the Stock Exchange. The seller was Topstactic, which is jointly owned by Hanson Trust, Henry Schroder Wagg, and

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet Two views but Guinness should prevail

There are clearly two views of yesterday's announcement that Ernest Saunders is to become executive chairman of Guinness. Sir Thomas Risk, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, is not after all to have a role in the Guinness group. And the balanced holding company board, promised during the bid battle for Distillers, which was to direct the fortunes of Guinness and Distillers, will simply not happen.

One view is that commitments made by Guinness both to Distillers, its advisers and its shareholders have not been honoured. The other is that it is the prime duty of a board to serve the best interests of shareholders and if in the light of further knowledge or experience, earlier judgements are unlikely to achieve that end then they must be set aside. The first view was rapidly formed in certain parts of the City yesterday. It is true that in the first official Guinness bid document in January and in subsequent official documents in March and April the Guinness board undertook to restructure the Guinness board so that it became a holding company board. There were to be 10 members, five from the Guinness side, including Ernest Saunders as "group chief executive officer", and five from the Distillers side, with Sir Thomas Risk, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, added as non-executive chairman.

From the point of view of the City, and the Bank of England, the situation created by the latest Guinness moves is serious but hardly critical. The one practical issue is whether it is wise in any major group to combine the role of chairman and chief executive in one man, however active, energetic, far-seeing and dedicated he might be. Or putting it another way, was Tom Risk such a bad risk?

Morning after at Standard

Shares in Standard Chartered predictably plunged yesterday, though the Standard camp was relieved that they have started above 700p; they plunged 58p to 717p. The new shareholders who thwarted Lloyds, helped by some less-than-deft handling of the takeover, will not want to continue losses, however. The alternative for realizing the value of Standard's parts, as its defence detailed, would mean breaking up the integrated structure that Standard's victorious Michael McWilliam values so highly.

The basic Far East and Middle East operations are essentially branches of Standard Chartered Bank. Hiving off Hong Kong with a local quotation and Sir Yue-Kong Pao as chairman would satisfy the Chinese dimension that concerned Sir Yue-Kong. Gaining a quotation for the separate Union Bank of California by a merger is also likely. But such moves would affect the capital and risk profile of the group. The Bank of England would monitor the effects and has some discretion in treating subsidiaries not wholly owned. But separate quotations would also enhance the group's ability to raise capital.

None of this replaces the Lloyds bonus of a stable home base of earnings in sterling to back overseas profits that are often volatile, especially after currency fluctuations. It might even be sensible to treat the Far East as the stable base of earnings, and to transfer the Standard Chartered Bank to the Far East, though the Bank of England would have something to say about that too.

The City too often sees control of banks as more vital than that of industrial companies. As it happens, the proposed Banking Bill will give the Bank of England supervisors the right to vet new owners of more than 15 per cent of any bank in advance, though that did not apply here. The Bill will also have something to say about connected lending, which might stop any tendency for customers to guarantee their overdrafts by buying the bank manager.

The lessons for small shareholders look more serious. Poor David Horne, of Lloyds Merchant Bank, has now been beaten twice by what may be termed the Westland defence. It was convenient for the City to sweep the Westland affair away. That made it a precedent here. It is common practice elsewhere.

That will be hard to reverse in an era when big players know no frontiers, but sits ill with the cosy idea of encouraging small shareholders on the basis that all are equal and protected by the City rules.

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# Steady growth in home users

From Catherine Aron in Boston

For the home computer user, the glory days of the 1980s, when hopes soared that soon one out of every five American homes would own a computer, are over. But some factors can take some of the wind out of the sails. The fact that the number of home computers is still growing steadily, and that more are being bought for their own sake...

# The score on micro music makers

By Nick Hampshire

Could it be that a handful of musicians experimenting with the use of computers for music synthesis are creating one of the most revolutionary musical instruments ever invented?

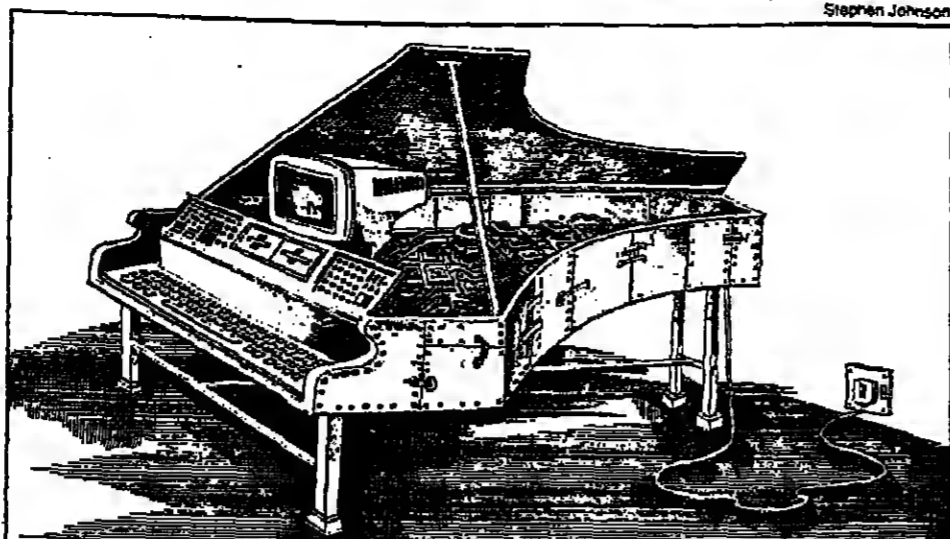
Many would dismiss this idea. In past years the music generated by microcomputers has been rather crude, lacking the quality and versatility essential to professional musicians. Unless, of course, they are prepared to spend a lot of money on a mini computer based system such as the Fairlight. However, new software and music boxes linked to fast, cheap and powerful 16/32 bit microcomputers will change this.

The quality of digitally stored, synthesized and produced music is now high, the compact disc bears witness to this. Add the quality of sound produced from a compact disc to the enormous power available at low cost from the new generation of microcomputers and a potential revolution in musical sound is created.

# Chasing the holy grail

By Geof Wheelwright

Anamartic, the new computer chip design company announced by Sir Clive Sinclair and vice chairman of Gould Inc. David Simpson, is chasing one of the holiest grails in microcomputerdom. The Wafer Scale Integration (WSI) technology it is developing, was first proposed more than a decade ago as a way of providing fast, low-cost and more efficient computer memories. But until very recently, no-one had been able to crack the problem of manufacturing the large - and yet reliable - silicon wafers, required to run a WSI system.



Stephen Johnson

generate musical waveforms is now being included in some of the latest generation of microcomputers. The Commodore Amiga has four audio channels capable of producing good quality stereo sound, though not yet full hi-fi. The Amiga can be programmed to output the waveform of any instrument or sound, its sound output can even be used to generate high quality speech.

As an analysis tool the computer will allow the composer/musician to discover new sounds. All sorts of natural sounds can be recorded and then taken apart and analysed. Interesting sounds thus obtained can then be used, with the computer synthesizing them at the pitch and amplitude needed by the musician.

Sound sequences can then be stored digitally and combined with other sound sequences all within the computer, thereby replacing much of the complicated equipment within a recording studio. A computer controlled music workshop is now being marketed by the Roland Corporation of California. This company is well known for its electronic musical instruments, especially organs and synthesizers. The system hardware does not allow computer generated waveform synthesis but instead is designed to connect an electronic instrument to an IBM PC or compatible computer.

The system software is essentially a musical word processor. It can assemble musical phrases into complete compositions, using the MIDI instrument as an input device. Once musical phrases have been input they can be altered.

The software allows the composer to create a score using eight tracks, each track being assigned to one of 16 MIDI channels used to drive any MIDI instrument. The user can merge tracks or phrases as needed and then, using the replay, check how the passage sounds on different instruments.

Once a piece of music has been composed the software can be used to generate a score. Here the composer can define keys, clefs, and time signatures as well as further amending his composition by using a graphics display of the musical score.

Unfortunately, many musicians, sound engineers and producers have not yet learnt how to use stereo recording effectively, let alone digital recording and mastering techniques, so learning to use computers within the music industry will be a slow process.

But one thing is certain - sooner or later the computer will change the future of music, its composition and its performance.

# US confirms the worst

Reports from the US that the semiconductor industry is still in recession has given little cheer to the British computer and electronic companies who feel the draught from any ill wind blowing in the US.

Last week's reports that there had been a decline in the orders placed with semiconductor manufacturers indicated the worst. That orders are simply not being placed by the industry's principal customers - the computer manufacturers. The surprising reports indicate that the computer industry is still not out of the depression, which has so far lasted two years.

Analysts from the US market research group In-Stat last week predicted that the US market would not sustain any significant growth until the office equipment and the computer industries recover.

Many in the US and the European computer industries budgeted on the recovery being more complete. The performance of computer companies in the 12 months of 1983-84 showed the industry that the phenomenal growth could be sustained. Orders were placed by manufacturers in anticipation of the expansion that was never to be.

The poor sales performance was to result in immediate cancellations of orders from a semiconductor industry which was now overstocked. The prices of the components dropped, undermining what little stability the industry acquired. In-Stat predicts a drop in US computer sales by about 17 per cent this year to \$14,000 million.

The predictions will do little for the confidence of Thorn-EMI, the owners of the microchip company Immos, which last week showed it is experiencing the

chill. It reported the closure of most of its manufacturing base in Colorado Springs in the US and is concentrating its production in Newport, Wales. About half the workforce of 800 in the US will be shed and £45 million would be written-off in equipment and machinery.

It was another sad episode in the history of Immos, created by the last Labour government in its pursuit of the new microchip revolution. Through the auspices of the Department of Industry and the British Technology Group, the company was to become the recipient of grants and aid of about £100 million.

"However, this recovery has been much slower than forecast and it has become apparent that the substantial increase in worldwide capacity, particularly in the Far East, will exceed demand over the next two or three years."

The semiconductor recession and the chill wind will do little to help Sir Clive Sinclair who is about to enter the microchip design-manufacturing market. Last week he announced the creation of a new company, Anamartic, to develop wafer scale integration. The technology which will further miniaturize computer memories and concentrate more microchips on one device.

Sir Clive is attempting to raise £6 million for the next phase of the venture which has already cost about £3 million. About £2 million was provided through Sinclair Research while the remainder came from Barclays Bank. The current idea is far more modest than the one originally floated over a year ago.

The financial problems experienced by Sir Clive in the last year have thwarted those ambitions as has the state of the semiconductor market. About 30 per cent of the new company would be given in exchange for the £6 million tranche, although a partnership with an existing semiconductor manufacturer would be ideal. Further dilution of the shareholding of the microchip company would ensure that Sinclair Research would only hold less than half the shares.

Anamartic promises dramatic price and performance improvements over existing technology. In the present climate the financiers on both sides of the Atlantic, who traditionally don't like the chill, may take some convincing.

## THE WEEK

Bill Johnstone Technology Correspondent

The Thatcher government, the principal shareholder, agonized for months in the summer of 1983 over injecting further monies. Within a year Thorn-EMI had bought the group for £131 million. But last week after five years in business the microchip company reported a trading loss of £50 million.

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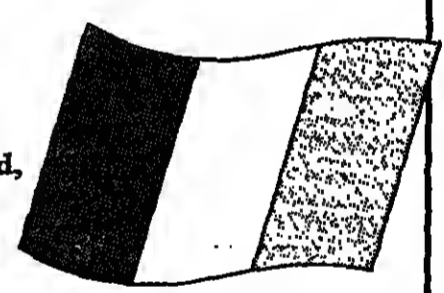
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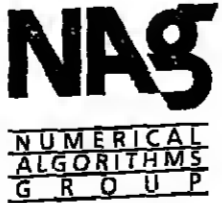
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From Adam Kelliber in Hong Kong

Rudyard Kipling wrote that "East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet." But then, he never had a chance to use a multilingual computer.



A new desktop personal computer, to be available later this summer, bridges the centuries-old communication gap between European and Asian languages, providing facilities for both in one computer.

Looking no different from other personal computers, Hewlett-Packard's Asian Vectra Workstation allows users to switch instantly between English and the complex ideograms of Japanese, simplified or traditional Chinese, or Korean.

European languages, with standard alphabets and phonetic bases, are fairly easy to transfer into a binary-based computer talk. But computerizing Asian languages that use thousands of ideograms to convey concepts has presented a problem — a keyboard with 20,000 keys would be inefficient to say the least.

Hewlett-Packard's solution was to reduce Oriental characters to basic combinations of brush strokes, called radicals, each occupying a bunoo on a standard keyboard. The same buttons feature a Western alphabet when the computer is operated in English.

A user can compose characters by punching in the correct combination of radicals to electronically "draw" the desired ideogram. Characters may also be retrieved from the computer's memory by punching in two basic radicals. The computer instantly offers a roster of characters based on those combinations.

Character delivery is nearly instantaneous as the Vectra's dual-language mode is stored on a random access memory circuit board in the computer. The computer comes with a choice of cards offering traditional Chinese with 16,000 characters, simplified Chinese with 8,000, Korean with 13,000 or Japanese with 7,000.

Users can add characters to the basic vocabularies. The processor, which uses a standard operating system, has software packages available in each of the four Asian languages for word processing, graphics, database-file management, spreadsheet and data communication.

(UPI)

# Time to let the professionals log on

## JOB SCENE

By Edward Fennell

The hunt is on for computer professionals who can think "strategically and systematically". Information systems design is rapidly becoming one of the key areas for the progress of information technology and major users and consultants are increasingly looking for experts who can make office automation work.

Part of the growing need for systems designers stems from mistrust felt towards the industries salesmen. Too many cases of companies being sold the wrong equipment by sales staff whose enthusiasm exceeds the capacity of their products has soured customers' attitudes.

As a result, systems designers are looked to as being forces of honest and professional advice.

"We're very much involved in the strategy end of information technology consultancy and we need systems specialists who can analyse clients' requirements in a thorough way," said Christopher Ley-Wilson of the Doctus Management Consultancy which has been recruiting recently. "What Doctus and other consultants want from systems designers is the ability to investigate all aspects of a

clients' work and recommend systems software which can handle problems at all levels.

Currently there is a reasonable number of people who are good technically as, for example, analyst-programmers, but there are far fewer who can stand back and take a wider view of the issues. Indeed, moving from small-scale technical expertise to the large canvas of overall systems planning has defeated many of those who have tried it.

"Systems designers and consultants are hard people to find," said PA Computers and Telecoms.

It is the skill of being able to understand the total environment in which a company operates and to see where the information technology can be successfully integrated which marks out the systems designer. It requires far reaching interests and an inquiring analytical mind which reaches beyond the immediate struc-

ture of a data processing department and into deeper questions of how high technology can contribute to the overall effectiveness of the organization — sometimes in ways which had not been previously considered.

So who is best suited to this kind of work? Mr Ley-Wilson says maturity and experience is what he looks for most at the senior level of systems design work. "I do not subscribe to the view that you are finished at 40," he said. "In fact, for systems design I think it is essential to have that depth of knowledge and width of experience. You are just beginning at 40."

Project directors would normally have had several years of systems consultancy behind them, but it would need to be of the right kind. "You can't afford to have any loyalty in a particular type of system or software or come up with stock answers. You must put yourself in the clients' place and see what will really suit them best," says Mr Ley-Wilson.

At PA Computers and Telecoms they tend to steer clear of systems analysts who have spent most of their previous career with users. "Having

worked with a user for several years they often find it difficult to adjust to the flexible role that we require." Instead, PA prefers those who have worked in a software house or another consultancy. But whatever background, flexibility in outlook and width of interest and business awareness are the essential ingredients.

Although PA has found it difficult to discover the right people, and say that if someone of the right calibre approached them they would take them on whether or not they had a vacancy, they are encouraged by the fact that all of the younger computer scientists are starting to take a broader application-orientated view.

"The message is slowly getting through to higher education about the need of wider awareness and we are pleased by the changes we see," said PA.

Developments of new courses such as the recent degree in information systems design at Kingston Polytechnic are indeed helping the industry's latest efforts to think strategically — and that has to bode well for the future.

# A solution to missing link-up

By Geoff Wheelwright

There is a rude streak running through many business computer systems. Unless you go to a great deal of effort to establish link-ups between them, many microcomputers, mini-computers and mainframe computers will not easily talk or exchange information with one another.

Nowhere is this problem more crucial than in the computer databases — where a company may have some records on a personal computer, a few more on a minicomputer and a good deal on a mainframe.

They may well all relate to the same subject, but until recently it has been difficult bringing together information from those three areas in any kind of coherent manner. The problem is being solved by special software to handle what are known as distributed databases.

Suppose, for example, company personnel records are on a minicomputer and the records of company cars on a micro. To produce reports, combining information from both sets of records could be horrendous.

Using distributed databases the request for the report could be "buffered" — the software would automatically work out which computer the information was on. Users do not need to know where the information is and the systems usually have security devices to limit access.

# IBM scores an own goal

IBM may soon find significant competition to its popular PC coming from an unexpected quarter — one of its own divisions, writes Geoff Wheelwright. Although Big Blue is not likely to be too upset by the turn of events it seems that the IBM RT (Reduced Instruction Set Technology) machine, designed primarily as a scientific computer, is becoming an increasingly popular choice among developers of business computer software.

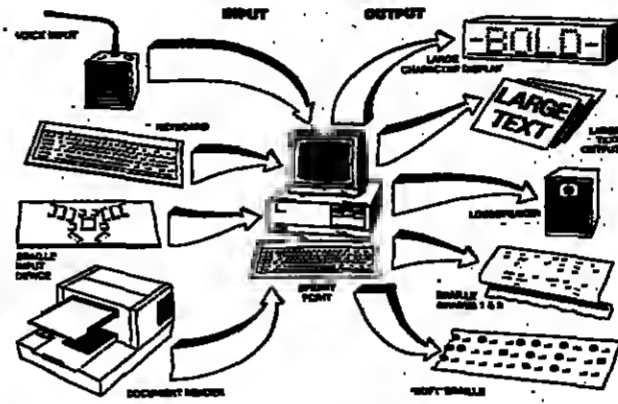
Last week the UK's own Micro Focus threw its weight behind business applications for the RT with the announcement of the first version of the COBOL business programming. The move seems sure to inflame the rivalry which now seems to be developing between the two IBM machines.

And it could well be the new RT which wins — at least as far as the attentions of IBM are concerned. The RT is a high-powered and quite expensive "multi-user" computer, designed to allow a number of people to work with it at once and claims considerable speed advantages over IBM's existing PC technology.

The speculation that IBM may push the RT more heavily in the business market was fuelled by recent statements from IBM chairman John Akers to the effect that the PC market was becoming a commodity business solely concerned with "box-shifting" and that traditionally IBM has not been in the box-shifting business. "If a proportion of the computer industry becomes commodity-like, you'll probably see IBM depart from that industry," he said in the US last month.

Whether or not IBM does promote the RT design over the PC will depend primarily on the software market. While there are literally thousands of business applications available to run on PC and AT models, software houses are only now gearing up to produce applications for the RT.

The overall strategy does seem to be for IBM to move further up-market with its desktop computer products.



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON OFFICE AUTOMATION PROJECTS

# From pen-pushing to in-putting

The final report on a series of trials by suppliers and users of office automation systems was published by the Department of Trade and Industry yesterday

It is less than 100 years since the typewriter was invented, starting the first revolution in office work by reducing the armies of pen-pushing clerks who recorded everything in long hand.

Each stage in the evolution, from the "sit-up-and-beg" mechanical machines, through the electric models, the revolutionary IBM golfball and the electronic typewriter to the word processor, was an inevitable step closer to office automation.

Of course, the modernization of handling paper in businesses was swept along on a tide of paraphernalia. Advances in technology produced photocopiers, facsimile, telephone answering machines, dictating equipment, mini and microcomputers and all the apparatus of the mail room.

The element that was missing — and to some extent still is — was the expertise to find the most effective way of marrying this variety of technology into co-ordinated office automation (OA) and finding the way to make it productive and easy for non-technicians to use.

But, over a period of four years, 21 groups of people have been taking part in a controlled experiment to build up a base of experience of the new methods of working. They have been (mostly) willing guinea pigs for the cause of automation.

Launching Profiting from Office Automation: The Way Forward, Geoffrey Pattie, the information technology minister, said: "The pilot experiences have been analysed in this report to draw out the important lessons and conclusions which anyone wishing to invest in OA cannot afford to ignore."

It is written by a team, led by Dr Roger Pye, of management consultants KMG Thomson McLintock. With colleagues Laura Heath and



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Two of the companies merged during the trials: Data Recall Ltd and Office Technology Ltd, which now trade under the name of the latter's holding company, Information Technology Ltd.

Going automatic: Tam Fry, project manager at BBC 1's Breakfast Time TV news room in Lime Grove, London. A BBC team, paired with one from Hewlett-Packard, worked to a tight deadline to ensure that the electronic news room was on air and on schedule, ahead of the opposition channel

Jim Bates, he has been involved in a continuous fact-finding, evaluation exercise during the trials.

Their report covers both organizational and technological issues. The early chapters are aimed at four main audiences: senior managers, managers of the operational systems, the users and the suppliers. A second section details the applications of

Eight projects were planned, 21 were completed

office automation, covering three main areas: processing and document production, case handling and management support.

Its emphasis is not so much on technology, but on how that technology should be applied to give business a competitive edge.

The office automation pilot projects were announced in

1981 by Kenneth Baker, then Minister for Information Technology. Eight pilots were planned, but the demand was such that the numbers grew to 21 pilots in 20 sites. The first of the two-year trials started in 1982, the last began in 1984.

During the trials, OA suppliers were paired with organizations that had little previous experience of automation. Different kinds of office systems were installed in 20 sites, in nationalized industries and central and local government. Each of the groups was constantly reviewed by consultants who built up a dossier of the impact that office automation was having on working lives.

The Department of Trade and Industry wanted to give manufacturers a chance to test their products in real working conditions and build up a body of experience for the organizations taking part. The third promise was to make sure that the results — good and bad — were made avail-

able so that anybody about to embark on office automation could cut some corners and learn from the mistakes and successes of the pilot trials.

A ceiling of £250,000 was set for each site. At the end of a two-year period, each participating organization could, if it were satisfied, buy the equipment at a secondhand price from the department.

The project was not a race

A matter of life and death in the TV studio

or a competition. There were no formal distinctions between success and failure — everything that happened went into the melting pot of experience. Some sites did better than others, some equipment stood the test more easily than others.

It may not have advanced the fortunes of emerging British companies as much as

might have been expected, but suppliers became more aware of what the consumer wanted and gained experience and confidence.

Some suppliers developed prototype equipment into marketable products and some changed product lines and, in a couple of cases, complete direction because of the trials.

Each site had problems in varying degrees. There was some outside criticism that the pilots were "only trials" and because they did not bite into the capital of the participating sites, it did not matter whether or not they worked.

In fact, several sites contributed their own money to expand the initial pilot equipment.

One site was not a "trial" in any sense. BBC's Breakfast Television programme was paired with Hewlett-Packard and they had to work to a tight deadline to make sure that the electronic newsroom worked.

It was, as project manager Tam Fry, of Breakfast Televi-

sion, said, "a matter of life and death."

He added: "If it didn't work, the BBC would not work and I would be out of work."

The rest is history. It was close, they were on air on schedule, beating the opposition channel to start the country's breakfast viewing.

Three of the trials were brought to a premature halt. The first was, embarrassingly,

Information about the sites was trickling out

the IT division of the DTI itself. They changed course and soldiered on into OA. At two other sites they went back to the drawing board after pilots were dropped and worked out different strategies, putting lessons they had learned the hard way into practice, and then started again.

But problems or not, every site is going ahead with plans

for future office automation, even if it is in a different form from what some of them thought it should be at the beginning. Most of them have bought the equipment.

Bob Graham, former head of the DTI's office automation section of the IT division, said recently: "When we started, we recognized that the technology would open up new doors and opportunities but we did not know how people would respond to it. A great deal has been learned and, overall, I think the systems that are now being used are much better understood."

Information about the sites trickled out throughout the entire project, through a two-monthly publication, Bulletin, through fact sheets about the individual sites, through conferences where user and supplier publicly compared notes about their progress — or lack of it.

There were also two tours of a Britain Has IT campaign throughout the country to

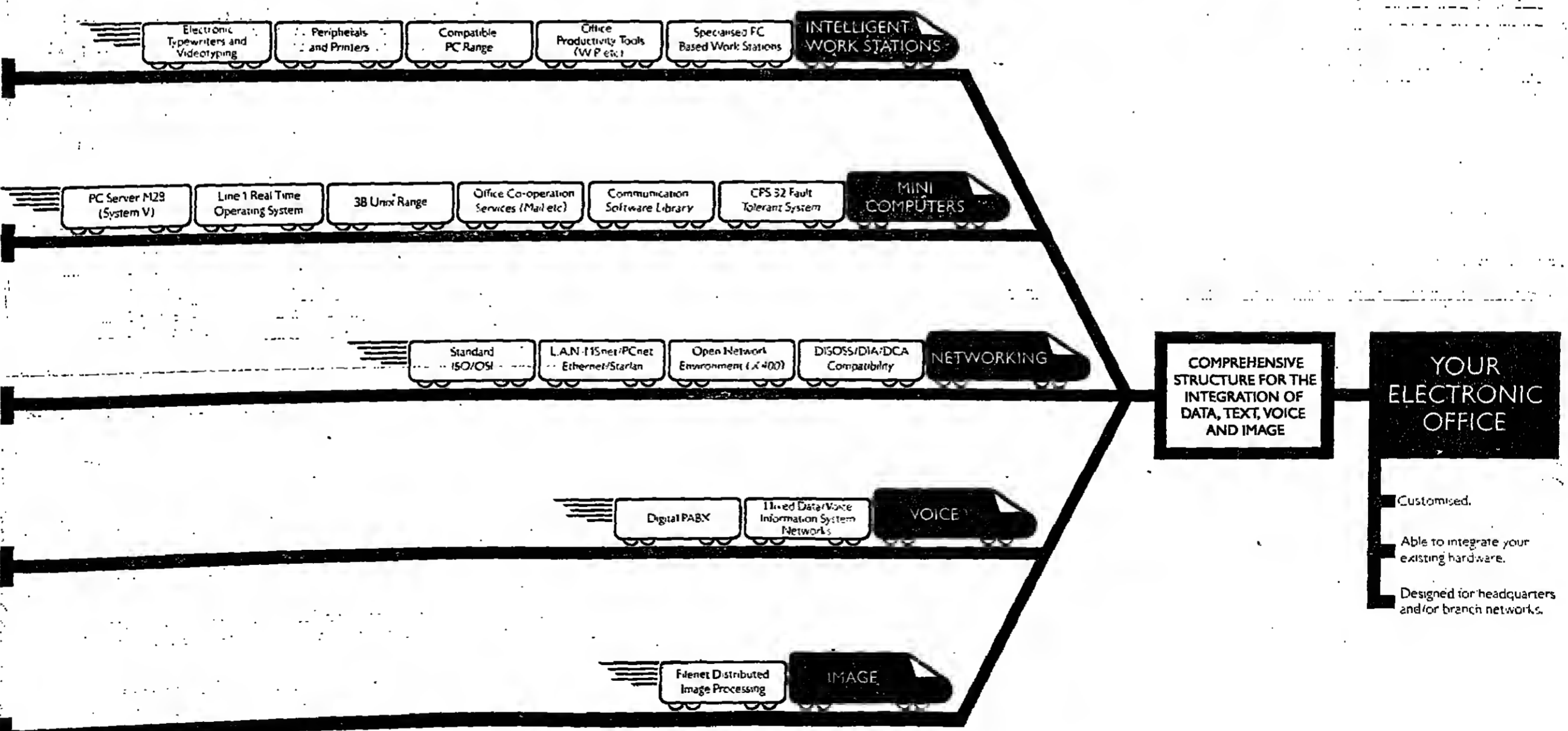
encourage chief executives and technical experts from private and public sectors to attend separate seminars.

Dr Gordon Ross, of management consultants PA, the company that managed the campaign for the DTI, says that the campaign had a significant spin-off. Chief executives had been confused by what they were being told from below and that there was a general lack of communication. The campaign, he said, began to build bridges and set up a common ground of understanding.

Rita Marshall

Profiting from Office Automation, the final report of the Department of Trade and Industry's Automation Pilot Projects is written by Dr Roger Pye, Laura Heath and Jim Bates of KMG Thomson McLintock, and published by the DTI. It is available from IT Division, DTI, 29 Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DT (01-213 4440), price £10.

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# Wanted: Leaders for a techno-future

Dr Roger Pye was closely involved throughout the Department of Trade and Industry's office automation pilot projects, with an overall responsibility for the evaluation. Dr Pye, a director of management consultants KMG Thompson McLintock, has been the compiler of *Profiting from Office Automation: The Way Ahead*, which was published yesterday.

They have collected all the minute detail of the programme's progress and have also used this information to provide a series of important lessons for the future.

Dr Pye was asked to crystallize some of the most important issues:

● **What about the attitudes of top management?**

"The first lesson we have drawn is the need for top management to be directly involved with office automation (OA). There is a natural tendency to think of it as a technical matter — and technical matters are handled by middle managers.

"But middle managers deal with specific questions. What technology? Which supplier? How should office automation be implemented? They don't deal with the questions of the business strategy of a company and how office automation can give it a competitive edge. These answers depend on a number of issues that are largely handled by top managers.

"There's nothing special about the management of office automation. The only difference is the jargon. Of course, there's always a tendency for some people to confuse — to sell by not explaining things. General management experience, traditions and procedures that have been established for all sorts of other aspects of office planning are both relevant and necessary in planning office automation.

"Senior executives need to look at automation in a non-technical manner. So we de-

scribe OA as the use of electronic technology to serve business goals by raising the productivity of office staff, particularly those who are not specialists in information technology.

"This underlines the potential of OA, emphasizing that the equipment has to be easy to use. But, above all, it stresses that the investment has to be justified in terms of productivity improvements in the office.

Ynn have a lot to say about productivity?

"What we looked at was reducing the input cost and improving the quality of the outputs. There are other aspects which are worth pursuing but they are still significant. This also emphasizes the need for top managers to be involved, because only they can judge whether OA can be installed, selectively, in a useful manner.

"OA can bring significant potential contributions to productivity, but investment is only worthwhile at this time when it serves priority applications.

What about the capital investment?

"Cost justification is absolutely crucial for top management. Traditionally, financial approval for IT was given after asking how the investment could be justified.

"But the problems start

when technology specialists or suppliers come along. They may say: 'Here is a wide range of facilities, the system will cost, say £3 million and it will be justified if the overall productivity of staff improves by 5, 7 or 10 per cent.'

"But, since no one has investigated in detail what office productivity means, it was a meaningless statement.

"In the report we've split up the benefits from office technology — reducing the costs of the office operation or improving the output of that office unit.

any grounds for fear because it must be admitted that they were done in such a way as to minimize adverse staff reaction.

"In general, secretaries and typists are a fairly young and mobile, fairly transient part of the work force, so it is relatively easy to organize change in a painless manner. The challenge to personnel and line managers will come when things like case handling systems are used by clerical workers. They are not as young, as mobile, as transient as typing and secretarial staff.

"The good news is that the pilots showed that if staff are given early notice of the sorts of systems that are going to be installed, if they are encouraged to participate in the design of the application and development of new work procedures, and encouraged to see new opportunities for themselves, people at all sorts of levels and backgrounds do find new opportunities.

"I think it is becoming widely recognized — though perhaps not widely recognized enough — that the number of companies that base all of their justification for office automation on cost cutting is pretty small these days. It has a role to play, and it can be something which creates the flexibility to finance doing things better, but I see very few organizations pursuing office automation just to cut jobs and reduce the number of staff.

"There are two reasons: it creates a negative atmosphere and attitudes and it becomes an impediment to change.

"And secondly, you can only cut jobs at the more junior levels of the organization where it makes a relatively small contribution to costs.

"For automation to have an impact on the middle and senior ranks of an organization you need to focus much more on doing things better, or doing things that couldn't be done at all before, rather than just doing things more cheaply.

"And, instead of having more and more people doing parallel jobs, we could have a smaller number of people with a wider understanding of the organization, able to do that because the technology gives each one of them more power and more capability.

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Dr Roger Pye, leader of the team involved in a continuous fact-finding valuation exercise during the trials of the DTI's office automation pilot projects. The intention of the trials has not been to "sell" office automation, rather to clear away the mists of jargon and confusion which tend to surround the subject.



## Instead of having more people doing parallel jobs, we could have a smaller number able to do the work

## The knowhow you must have before you buy

A look at the number and variety of suppliers that took part in the pilots — each with different ideas, products and pedigrees, gives some idea of the decisions and choices that have to be made when an office embarks on automation.

It does not come in neat off-the-shelf packages. Each company or organization has to make an individual selection — buying the right system to solve specific and individual problems.

There were 13 British companies, some leading telecommunications or computer equipment manufacturers that were diversifying into office systems, others were smaller companies formed to sell office automation, word processing and microcomputers. There were six major US computer companies operating in the UK, one was a European multinational and

### They should be selling solutions to problems

another was a UK-based transatlantic co-venture.

Every company, big and small, had a rare chance to see how their products performed when they were used by largely non-specialist people. Some changed their products, some changed their whole approach to office automation, based on the experience.

The authors of *Profiting from Office Automation: The Way Ahead* consider that one of the most important lessons to come out of the trials was the need to tailor the software that was available. "It's no use just providing electronic replications of traditional ways of office work. Individuals have got to be able to do the tasks quicker and with more added value by doing it electronically, and that isn't always immediately obvious from the kinds of software packages that are available.

### The case-handling systems are too immature

Of the three main applications the verdict is that text production (word processing and electronic document distribution, document filing and retrieval) is becoming mature. The filing and retrieval side needs more powerful technology to support it and the document distribution needs standards to facilitate more widespread interchange, but it seems that we really are getting there.

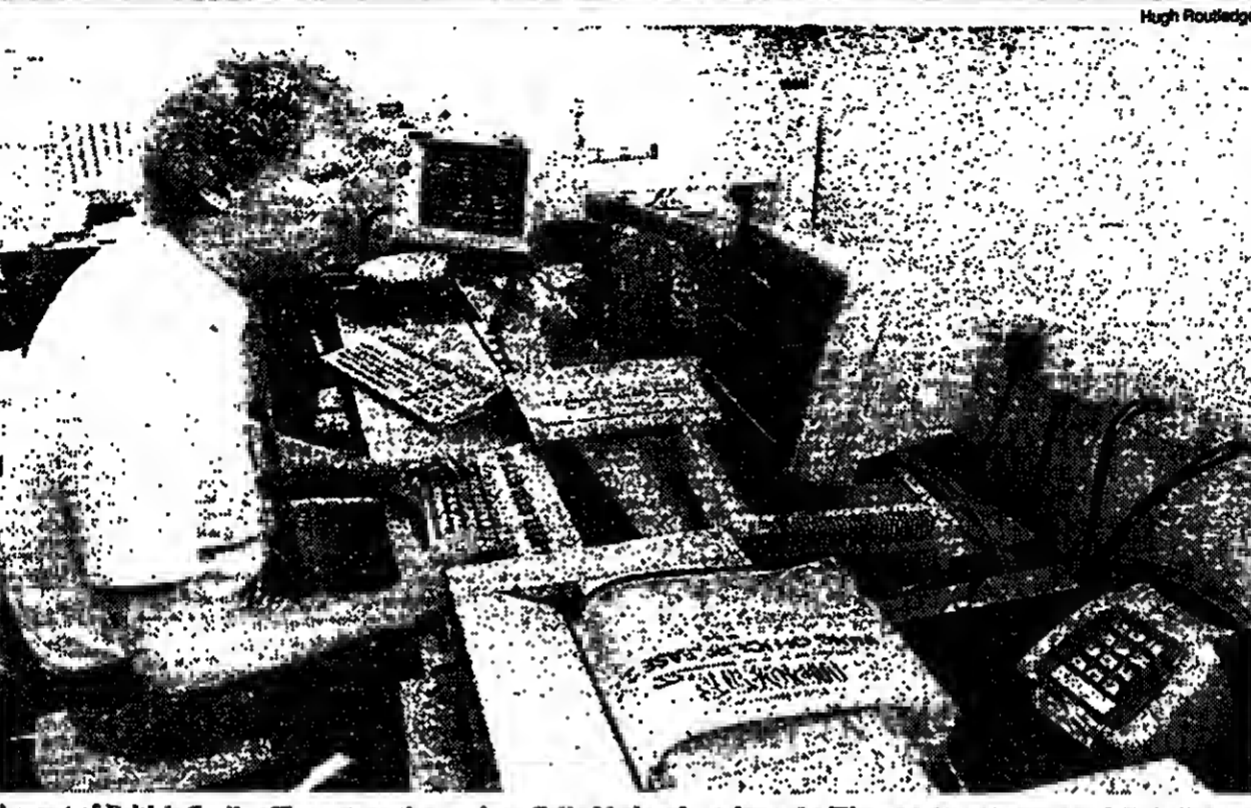
The case handling systems and the management support systems are considered to be really much more immature in their development.

"We are at a pretty early stage and they need much more careful selection and planning and, of course, much more technical support, because the technology is more complex and needs to be more comprehensively inter-linked.

### Today's stepping stones to tomorrow's world

One of the characteristics of office automation is that it sits between the kind of things that need to be totally planned (such as the central data-processing systems) and those things which can be left almost completely unplanned, such as the way people use personal computers.

Because of this, the authors of *Profiting from Office Automation* recommend creating a strategy that reflects a balance of creativity and control. They have drawn up an outline strategy to help companies and organizations get things started in the right way, setting the priorities in a framework



As part of British Coal's office automation project, Colin Nathan keys in to the Wang system at company HQ in London

## Fitting the jobs to the workers

When productivity was the catchword in the drive for greater efficiency in industry more than 30 years ago, the term ergonomics entered the vocabulary. It was defined as "fitting the job" to the worker.

The ideas behind ergonomics are probably even more relevant today as new electronic technologies are introduced into business and commerce. But as the office automation pilot projects have shown, fitting the job to the worker is easier said than done.

In an ideal world, managers would introduce modern office automation networks into new purpose-built or refurbished premises. But, real life doesn't usually afford such luxury and convenience.

Few of the 21 pilot projects had either the resources or the opportunity to make structural changes to their existing work places. But there were many other factors at play. One of the projects, at the Cabinet Office, was in a listed building so the scope for re-design was clearly restricted, whatever resources might have been available.

Probably one of the most useful aspects of the trials were the records of the painstaking effort of the people taking part to adapt the rooms, furniture and lighting.

A lighting arrangement to suit one person can soon turn out to be another's distracting reflection. Like most offices, the sights of pilot projects were places with well established practices at work. Rearrangements varied from completely refurbishing existing offices to placing the new work stations on existing desks and tables.

Clearly, the ergonomics of office automation combine thorough training in the new way of working and careful design of the work place.

But the pilots showed it was not always a matter of concentrating on the education and training of only the middle-managers, professional employees, secretaries and clerical staff who were to use new technology for the first time.

One of the pilots at London's central Scientific Services unit, then part of the GLC, provided an office automation network for people who were experienced in using computers.

They were accustomed to the technicalities of programming. But, according to Dr Sam Radcliffe, the project's manager: "We discovered we did not know very much about information flow, which we took for granted, within the unit and between clients."

So staff needed training in the use of the system for word processing to produce documents and in how to use the network facilities — electronic filing, electronic mail, etc.

Some people were uneasy about being turned into typists, about the ergonomic aspects of eye strain and working over a keyboard, and others thought it would solve all their problems.

### Perspectives change after hands-on experience

By the time the first part of the training word processing began, the majority of the staff did not know their tabs from their CRs (carriage returns).

But perspectives changed rapidly after a few hours of hands-on experience, when it was found how easy it was to correct and compose text on screen.

Dr Radcliffe had some particularly generous comments for the efforts in training and maintenance that Rank Xerox made to get the staff and system working smoothly.

He said their experience showed that a characteristic of today's electronic office system was that costs come early and could be substantial, but benefits tended to be distributed and some might take a long time to be realized.

A somewhat similar situation existed at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, of the Science and Engineering Research Council, which is a national centre for teams working on space science, high energy physics, laser technology, elec-

tronics and radio engineering and other frontiers of science.

Those teams use computers and computer networks as a matter of routine as part of their experiments.

But while the scientists were comparatively well off for equipment, the administrators were lagging behind some commercial companies.

So two pilot projects were conceived — one installed at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory and the other at the Council's central administration office in Swindon.

The main emphasis of the work has been on the interconnection of large office automation systems.

In an interim report after three years' experience, Dr Keith Jeffery said they had obtained a clearer picture of office automation. The objective of an information system was to deliver and collect the relevant information in the optimum form, to and from the correct place, at the appropriate time.

But he emphasized it was important to understand the needs of each particular organization and the way it worked. Information must be available in a familiar form. A physicist had to produce scientific papers based on complex equations. An engineer needed to assemble drawings. A financial manager thought in structured tables. Keeping it simple, extracting the main themes, taking complex information and condensing it, that was the skill, he said.

Dr Jeffery believed it was critical to understand people. It was important that people talked about the developments, were involved in the progress and had a chance to discuss their particular problems.

As part of that process, Dr Jeffery's team had devised what was known as the "gripe facility" so that messages could be left if a terminal did not work or if there was anything wrong. Those complaints were followed up individually with the person and with informal meetings, newsletters, talk-back sessions and questionnaires.

### Machine shall speak unto machine — if all goes well

would otherwise have long since disintegrated.

Elaborate technical standards were agreed through committees of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in Geneva, ensuring that the different networks of the world interconnected. Thousands of technical standards were involved, but their effect was described in a deceptively simple way as providing an "open system" of communication.

Since the present development of information technology, which embraces computers, telecommunications and office and factory automation has the same global spread, the need is even greater for a scheme so that machine can "speak" to machine on an "open" basis.

The backroom specialists have been working for almost 10 years on the question. The outcome is called Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) which offers a standard approach to the design and operation of computer and communications systems.

The details were thrashed out by experts working through the International Standards Organization. It has official national representatives from government bodies such as the Department of Trade and Industry, from Britain.

## Why the back room was busy for 10 years

One of the early problems that emerged in the office automation pilot projects was an issue that affected customer choice. It was a difficulty that had plagued the computer industry from its outset. The trouble came when users wanted to use optional combinations of machines to communicate or work with each other across local or wide area networks.

In the first decade of the computer industry, manufacturers paid lip service to the question of ensuring compatibility between machines.

In practice, it was the incompatibility between the different makes of computers that gave birth to many small specialist firms. They turned the handicap to profit by developing or converting the ancillary equipment, such as magnetic tape files and printers (and now discs, plug-in memories and video terminals), to be usable across the spectrum of computers.

Similarly, the fortunes of the computer software industry now are still dominated by curing the headache caused by incompatibility, when the time comes to transfer programs from old to newer models or in the switch from computer supplier to another.

Yet the question of compatibility is scarcely a new phenomenon. It is not even a dilemma born of the electronic age. More than 50 years earlier the international telecommunications services tackled the technical issue of avoiding a dilemma of square pegs and round holes.

The international telephone and telex network, which allows communication between any two subscribers in any country on any equipment,

There is a wealth of advice from groups such as the European Computer Manufacturers Association, the Standards Promotion and Applications Group, which is a consortium of 12 leading European computer firms, and the American Computer and Communications Industry Association.

Formulation of OSI has enabled the government departments, which comprise the largest single potential market for office automation, to specify to suppliers the degree of compatibility they expect between the equipment from different firms. Strong support for the new standard comes from the main technical advisory group to the government departments, the Treasury's Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency.

It put its weight behind OSI

### Many of the standards are in use for coding data

when it recommended departments two years ago to move toward the open systems approach. Manufacturers are now asked for details of their intention to make equipment compatible with OSI.

The technical specifications which comprise the new standards have only recently been completed. But they define the way in which information technology products can interconnect and work with each other when they conform to the standard.

As part of a project to make people more aware of the importance of OSI, the Department of Trade and Industry has introduced a venture to promote better understanding. It includes a limited number of Demonstrator Projects where feasibility studies, capital costs of equipment and the development costs of certain products are supported.

The details of OSI have taken years to agree and they also cover such topics as text structure and presentation of computer graphic. The OSI scheme is referred to as a seven layer set of protocols, covering the various types of information handling involved.

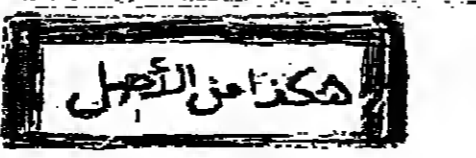
Many of the standards at the "lower" level are already in use for coding data and for structuring the format of information for storing on magnetic files or printing.

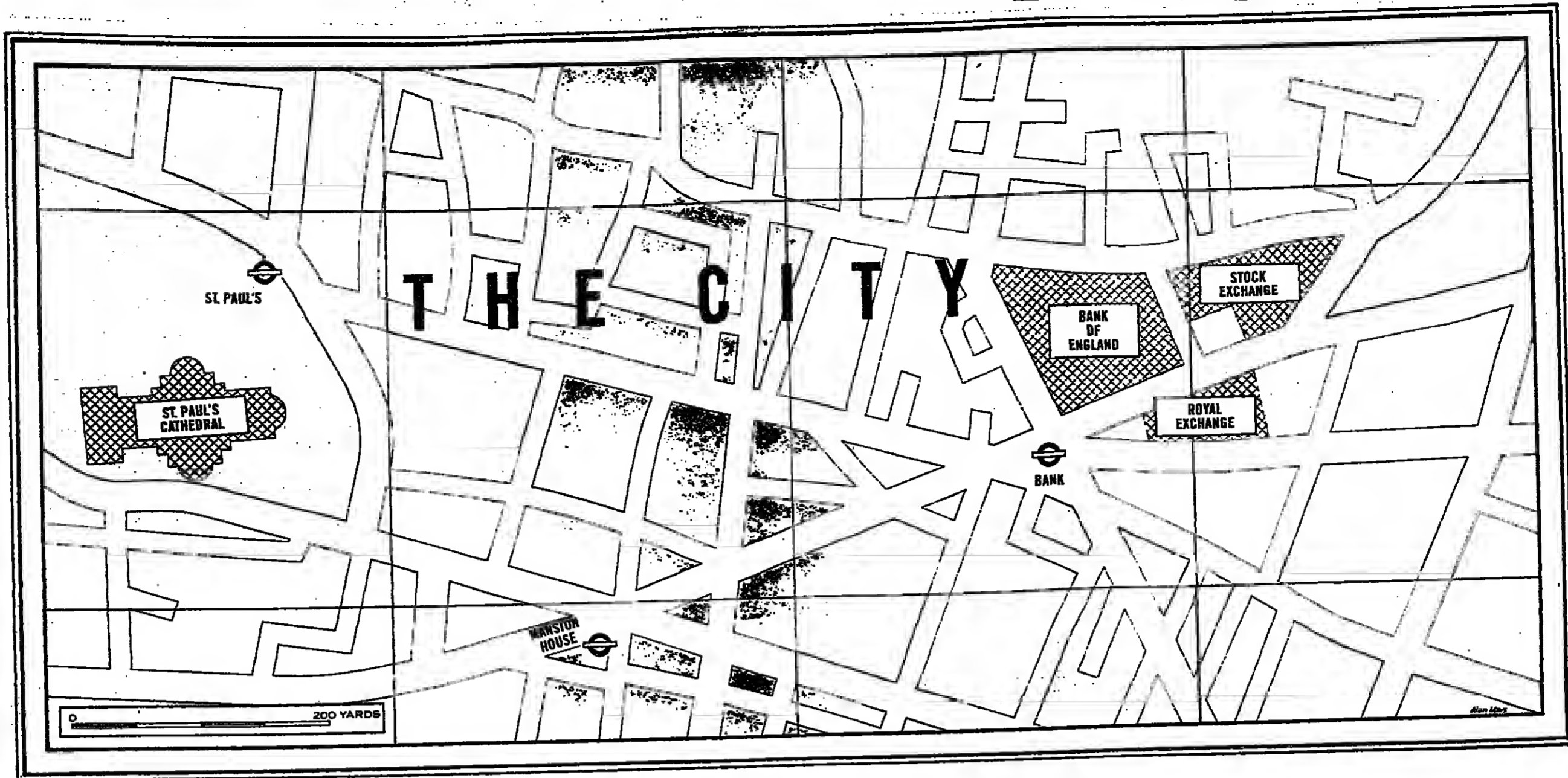
There are strict criteria for the demonstrator projects. They include:

- the proposed system must meet a genuine end-user need,
- each proposal must contain at least one UK user and the products of at least three UK suppliers,
- each project should be identifiable with a particular area of commerce or industry, such as office management or computer integrated manufacture.

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# Car forfeiture order against non-defendant quashed

Regina v Maidstone Crown Court, Ex parte Gill

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Nolan and Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment given July 14]

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court has quashed a forfeiture order made against a car owned by a non-defendant in a criminal case. The court held that the forfeiture order was made against the wrong person and was therefore invalid.

The trial judge was minded to order the forfeiture of the car under section 27(1) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. As the applicant was not in court at the hearing in June, the matter was adjourned.

The son was not present at the adjourned hearing. Representations were made on behalf of the applicant, but the judge ordered that both cars should be forfeited.

The prosecutor contended that the Divisional Court had no jurisdiction to entertain the application by reason of section 29(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981.

The Divisional Court so held when granting an application by Dora Singh Gill for an order of certiorari to quash the forfeiture order made by Judge Russell-Vick, QC, on July 5, 1985 at Maidstone Crown Court.

Mr Tudor Owen for the applicant; Mr Keith Simpson for the prosecutor; Mr Alan Moses as *amicus curiae*.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the applicant had a son who stood trial before Judge Russell-Vick in June 1985. The used two cars contained, *inter alia*, one charge which alleged that the son, on November 8, 1984 supplied a small quantity of heroin, and a second charge which alleged that on November 13, he supplied one kilo of heroin.

In the course of the trial the son pleaded guilty to supplying the kilo of heroin and was sentenced to four years. The other count was ordered to remain on the file.

The son used two cars in the course of his activities. On the first occasion, a Volvo was used; on the second, a Triumph. Each car belonged to the applicant.

Turning to the Triumph, there might be cases where a man might be liable for a car which had been put on notice that the car was going to be used for some illegal purpose. In those circumstances it might be proper for the judge to make a forfeiture order.

This was not such a case. The applicant had no reason to suppose that the car was to be used for other than legal purposes. There was no evidence that the car was to be used for anything other than legal purposes.

The question was whether the order in the present case was one affecting the conduct of the trial. The sentence of the court or the penalty imposed on the defendant was part of the trial process and plainly within the narrow meaning which Lord Bridge in *Smalley* suggested.

The fate of the cars was a matter of indifference to the defendant who was not even present when the order was made. The order affected only the applicant.

The present order did not affect the conduct of the trial and did not affect the son at all. So far as the son was concerned, the proceedings ended in June, before the applicant attended to show cause why the forfeiture order should not be made.

No appeal by the applicant would hold up the trial. Looking at the definition of "sentence" in section 57 of the Courts Act 1971, the order was not an order made by a court dealing with an offender. The court had jurisdiction to entertain the application.

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# Court should rarely use its power to stay execution

Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago v Papanicolaou and Another

Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Nourse and Sir Roger Ormrod

[Reasons given July 1]

The guarantor of a debt, having had summary judgment entered against him, should not be able to apply to the court for an order staying execution of the judgment.

The court granted a stay of execution pending determination of any cross-claims he might have against the creditor. Notwithstanding the court did have a discretion to grant such a stay if it should rarely, if ever, be exercised in commercial guarantee cases.

The Court of Appeal so stated when giving reasons for allowing an appeal on June 10 by the Continental Illinois National Bank from an order of Mr Justice Evans in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division on October 4, 1985 that the defendants, Nicholas and John Papanicolaou, be granted stays of execution of judgments entered against them.

Mr Nicholas Phillips, QC and Mr Nicholas Pender for the bank; David R. N. Hunt for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER, giving the reasons of the court, said Mr Justice Evans gave summary judgment under Order 14, rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court in favour of the bank in three actions brought against the two defendants, the personal guarantors of the indebtedness of the principal debt-

ors under three loan agreements. As additional security for those loans the bank had mortgages of vessels owned by the borrowers. It was not disputed that the amounts for which the judge gave summary judgment were properly due from the defendants. However, the judge held that the defendants had arguable cross-claims against the bank for damages for negligence in carrying out its duties as mortgagees.

Although such cross-claims were no answer to the bank's application under Order 14, the judge nevertheless held that the defendants were entitled to stays of execution in respect of the whole or part of the judgments given against them. The bank now sought a removal of those stays.

Similar approaches had been adopted in *Montecchi v Shino* (1977) 1 W.L.R. 713, a case of a defendant's application for a stay of proceedings in a counterclaim coupled with cogent evidence that the bank would, if paid, be unable to meet a judgment on the counterclaim would suffice, but nothing of that nature arose here.

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Doubtless the court has a discretion to grant a stay but it should be rarely, if ever, exercised. Guarantees such as these are the equivalent of letters of credit and only in exceptional circumstances should the court exercise such a discretion.

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Wolsey ready to confirm his Lingfield promise

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

The presence of Wolsey in the field for the Wigston Stakes at Leicester this evening gives me the opportunity to correct an earlier error and set the record straight. When Lady Howard de Walden's colt made his racecourse debut at Lingfield at the beginning of this month I described him as being a half-brother to the Derby third-placed Mashkour, having been under the impression that he was out of Sancta Rose. In fact, Wolsey is the first foal out of an entirely different mare, Sancta, a filly that Peter Walwyn trained to win three good races at York, Ayr and Newbury in 1982 for Lord Howard de Walden. As part of her owner's expansionist policy, Sancta, who is a half-sister to the dam of Kris and Diesis, was sent to Kentucky to begin her life at stud and it was there that she was mated in 1983 to Our Native, who, the year before, had made an impact in Europe, thanks to the achievements of his sons, Be My Native and Zoffany. Wolsey is the result. When he won at Lingfield Wolsey strolled home by four lengths in what amounted to a common canter. But as he started at 15-8 that performance obviously took no one by surprise. Today, both the betting and the race should not be nearly so one-sided as Paul Cole has seen fit to declare Mileage Bank, who beat two previous winners most emphatically at Chesham last month after showing a lot of promise first time out at Newbury on soft ground which did not suit his good action. However, Wolsey is just preferred. Otherwise, it should pay to follow the Lambourn trainers Barry Hills and Mark Smyth as they seek to win more prize money with their improving



Lady Pat, Matt McCormack's dual winner, is among the fancied contenders for this evening's Radio Leicester Nursery

three-year-olds Zaubarr (7.35) and Cashah Girl (8.35). In each instance it is the case of the trainer striking again while the iron is still hot, albeit with a penalty, before the handicapper has had an opportunity to reassess his horse. In the future Zaubarr will certainly be confronted with the same problems as the one which faces him now in the Tennent's Lager Handicap because his weight this evening includes only a 4lb penalty for winning at Bath and Newmarket in the last ten days. After beating Albino by eight lengths on the Somerset track Zaubarr did even better at Newmarket last Thursday when he galloped such useful performers as Kudz, Comme L'Etrole, Actium and On Tenderhooks into the ground. When the handicapper framed today's race he had relatively little to go on as Zaubarr had not made the first four in any of his previous races over distances ranging from seven furlongs to a mile and three-quarters. My nap's improvement can be attributed to the fitting of blinkers. Wearing them again today, I believe he should be capable of dealing with the likes of Lakino and Diva Encore. The only reservation that Mark Smyth has about running Cashah Girl in the Bass Series Handicap is the fact that the early part of the race will be all downhill. Apparently, Cashah Girl lost her action racing down the gradients at Epsom in June. In the meantime she has looked entirely at home winning at Doncaster and Nottingham, which are flat courses. Like Smyth, I feel that the risk is worth taking knowing that Cashah Girl was hampered badly at Epsom. Top weight for the Radio Leicester Nursery will be shouldered by Reg Hollinshead's consistent two-

Un Desperado holds Sharrod at bay in Prix Eugene Adam

From Our French Correspondent, Paris

Un Desperado, ridden by Alfred Gilbert, won the £34,296 Prix Eugene Adam over ten furlongs at Saint-Cloud yesterday by a comfortable two lengths from Sharrod (Willie Carson), with Conquering Hero (Walter Swinburn) and Nomrood (Cash Asmussen) in fifth and sixth places, respectively. Sharrod looked to be going well entering the straight and led from just over one furlong out until passed easily 100 yards out by Un Desperado. Carson said "My horse ran well but the pace was very fast and he got tired towards the finish". Robert Acton, representing Sharrod's owner, Sheikh Mohammed, said the horse had run his usual game. Conquering Hero, beaten nearly seven lengths, could never get into a challenging position and Walter Swinburn said he had run up to expectations. Cash Asmussen, who partnered Nomrood for Paul Cole, said "I was disappointed with him. I asked Nomrood to quicken entering the straight but I got no response and he may have been unsettled by the fast ground". The successful trainer, Andre Fabre, was winning the race for the fourth year in succession and Un Desperado recorded the fastest time since 1951. He said, with a smile, "He is a very good horse and has fulfilled the promise he showed as a two-year-old, but I expected him to win far easier than that".

Falls galore as Irish lead in challenge

From our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

During the first stage of a two-day Anglo-Irish National Hunt jockeys championship challenge at Down Royal yesterday three of the eight participants took falls. Tom Taaffe over fences and Richard Dunwoody and Steve Smith Eccles over hurdles. Their respective races were won by Frank Berry on Hasty Prince and Peter Scudamore on David's Pet. At the half-way mark in the challenge the Irish riders lead their rivals by 37 points to 31 and the concluding stage will be held at Down Royal this afternoon. The richest race run in the British Isles yesterday was the Ulster Harp Lager Derby which had £11,500 added. This produced a runaway winner with Christy Roche sending the David O'Brien-trained Do Diego clear before the final bend to win in a canter. The well beaten runner-up was World Court, who finished nearly as far behind Don Diego as he had behind Shafrastani to the Irish Derby. Inisher started favourite at 15-8, but he was the backmarker for the greater part of the race and although eventually finishing third never led the slightest hope of success. For the winning team this listed race provided some small compensation for finishing second to consecutive group races at the Curragh on Saturday.

Stylish Startino seeks group status

Stylish Startino, who had a slight setback after finishing on the course on her seasonal debut in April, returned yesterday to lead the Montserrat Stakes in good style under Steve Canham.

Stage Hand cut out the running and Stylish Startino was a favourite. Startino, two and a half furlongs out, made her Newmarket rival going into the final furlong to win by a clear length and a half, with Broken Wings second and Startino's trainer, Henry Cecil, in the saddle. The Malton filly, trained by Kings Head Farm, is owned by Fill Circle Thoroughbred Breeders Limited, managed by Nigel's father Colin, who brought along a sharp puppet to her in his debut. But the sheep had to be content with a few amusing facial expressions, as there was no bid for Princess Singh. Nigel and Kim Tinkler are having a great season. Princess Singh, bought after winning a Beyerley seller in June for 3,400 guineas, provided Nigel with his 22nd training success, while Kim, mother of a baby daughter, Amy, has ridden 12 winners. She comes out of her apprenticeship in a month's time.

Today's course specialists

FOLKSTONE TRAINERS: G Harwood, 41 winners from 98 runners, 41.2%; M Sayers, 5 from 17, 29.4%; G Lewis, 17 from 87, 19.3%. JOCKEYS: C Starkey, 29 winners from 63 runs, 34.9%; Pat Eddery, 11 from 52, 21.2%; W Newman, 11 from 77, 14.3%. BEVERLEY TRAINERS: J Soper, 9 winners from 42 runners, 21.4%; M Sayers, 27 from 136, 19.9%; M Canham, 10 from 78, 12.8%. JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 14 winners from 68 runs, 20.6%; P Eddery, 11 from 52, 21.2%; M Birch, 37 from 322, 11.5%. BLINKERED FIRST TIME TRAINERS: G Harwood, 23 from 83, 27.7%; G Lewis, 14 from 61, 22.9%. JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 14 winners from 68 runs, 20.6%; P Eddery, 11 from 52, 21.2%; M Birch, 37 from 322, 11.5%.

FOLKSTONE

Going: good to firm Draw: 51-64, low numbers best 1.45 E.L.F. CHRIS COWDREY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,512: 6) (15 runners) 1-5 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 2-6 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 3-7 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 4-8 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 5-9 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 6-10 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 7-11 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 8-12 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 9-13 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 10-14 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 11-15 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 12-16 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 13-17 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 14-18 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 15-19 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25

Folkstone selections

1.45 Merlin's Magic, 2.15 Knights Legend, 2.45 Cherrywood Sam, 3.15 Merlin's Magic, 3.45 Sender, 4.15 Arctic Ken. By Our Newmarket Correspondent. 1.45 Bold Crusader, 2.15 Deafening, 2.45 College Wizard, 3.15 Irish Hero, 3.45 Sender, 4.15 Bickerman. 2.15 DEREK UNDERWOOD STAKES (E88: 1m 7100y) (8) 1-5 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 2-6 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 3-7 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 4-8 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 5-9 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 6-10 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 7-11 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 8-12 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 9-13 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 10-14 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 11-15 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 12-16 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 13-17 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 14-18 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 15-19 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25

Leicester results

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1.45 Merlin's Magic, 2.15 Knights Legend, 2.45 Cherrywood Sam, 3.15 Merlin's Magic, 3.45 Sender, 4.15 Arctic Ken. By Our Newmarket Correspondent. 1.45 Bold Crusader, 2.15 Deafening, 2.45 College Wizard, 3.15 Irish Hero, 3.45 Sender, 4.15 Bickerman. 2.15 DEREK UNDERWOOD STAKES (E88: 1m 7100y) (8) 1-5 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 2-6 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 3-7 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 4-8 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 5-9 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 6-10 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 7-11 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 8-12 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 9-13 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 10-14 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 11-15 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 12-16 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 13-17 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 14-18 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 15-19 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25

BEVERLEY

Going: firm Draw: high numbers best 2.00 CITY OF HULL MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £958: 5) (4 runners) 1-5 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 2-6 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 3-7 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 4-8 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 5-9 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 6-10 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 7-11 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 8-12 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 9-13 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 10-14 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 11-15 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 12-16 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 13-17 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 14-18 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 15-19 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25

Beverley selections

2.30 Cheerful, 2.30 Court Ruler, 3.0 Rapid Lad, 3.30 Love Walked In, 4.0 Surprise Call, 4.30 Skraggs Plus Two. By Our Newmarket Correspondent. 2.30 Cheerful, 2.30 Court Ruler, 3.0 Hyokin, 3.30 Love Walked In, 4.30 Silver Ancona. By Michael Seely. 3.0 Very Special, 4.30 Royal Treaty. 2.30 HUNTER BRIDGE STAKES (3-Y-O: £338: 7) (10y) (14) 1-5 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 2-6 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 3-7 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 4-8 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 5-9 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 6-10 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 7-11 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 8-12 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 9-13 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 10-14 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 11-15 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 12-16 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 13-17 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 14-18 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 15-19 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25

LEICESTER

Going: good to firm Draw: 51-64, low numbers best 6.45 WESTON SELLING STAKES (E1,148: 1m) (24 runners) 1-5 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 2-6 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 3-7 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 4-8 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 5-9 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 6-10 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 7-11 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 8-12 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 9-13 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 10-14 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 11-15 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 12-16 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 13-17 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 14-18 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 15-19 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25

Leicester selections

6.45 Saughtrees, 7.10 Supreme Optimist, 7.35 ZAUBARR (nap), 8.5 Take A Hint, 8.35 Cashah Girl, 9.5 Wolsey. By Our Newmarket Correspondent. 6.45 Armored, 7.10 Last Recovery, 7.35 Diva Encore, 8.5 Panache, 8.35 Blue Guitar, 9.5 Wolsey. Michael Seely's selection: 7-10 LADY PAT (nap). 7.10 RADIO LEICESTER NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,222: 5) (10) 1-5 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 2-6 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 3-7 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 4-8 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 5-9 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 6-10 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 7-11 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 8-12 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 9-13 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25 10-14 BOLD CRUSADER (M Sayers) 9-0 W R Soper 25

Undercover operations

Interest in "Hippo", the radical British 12 metre designed by David Hallom, is intense judging by the number of undercover operations mounted by other syndicates to get a close glimpse of the yet unnamed yacht during trials against the Hmwell-designed Crusader I. "First, we had the Bond syndicate manager, John Longley, and Skip Lissman hovering overhead in the Channel 9 helicopter and we had to run our chase boat up alongside the 12 to disguise things," David Arnold, the British syndicate chief, said after returning from Perth last week. Later Harold Cudmore, the British skipper, "invited" the Kookaburra support boat carrying designer, Iain Murray, to move away and Spud Spedding, the shore manager, sporting his Channel 7 hat at a jaunty angle, fended off Bond's mighty Black Swan powerboat, carrying other Channel 9 cameramen in his small inflatable. However, the prize for barefaced cheek must go to the Kiwis. Two of their number, according to Arnold, dressed up as cray fishermen and kept watch from a white fishing boat for several days.

Reward for a slipped disc

The rewards continue to roll in for the British team. The weekly cock-up presentations awarded by Crusader shoreman, Chumley Prime, each Friday is proving a particular success. The first recipient of this award, fashioned from the damaged padding cut from Crusader I after her skirmish with South Australia's "Hippo" was Graham Walker for the part he played in creating the trophy. The latest winner is David Arnold, who inadvertently wiped the disc clean holding the database of information on the two boats. Designer David Hallom, the designer, found himself on the receiving end of this shoreward humor. Assembly of the keel on his radical design proved so complex that the crew commissioned a special trophy for him - a large square peg tied to a smaller round hole.

Kiwis rally to the cause

Keen interest in America's Cup in New Zealand appears to have no bounds as far as fund-raising is concerned. As the Kiwi syndicate prepares for the launching of their third 12 metre on July 26, a top record backing the challenge has headed the charts for the past five weeks and a supporters' club, now 15,000 strong, is growing at the rate of 500 a day. Funds are expected to reach 20 million New Zealand dollars (three times the amount budgeted for the British challenge). Peter Isler, the American winner of this year's Lynton Cup match race championship who walked out on the Courageous syndicate three weeks ago, has joined up with Dennis Conner's Sail America syndicate now based in Hawaii.

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CRICKET: HUMPAGE FALLS SHORT OF 1,000 RUNS FOR THE SEASON

Small steps to the draw

By Richard Streeton

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire drew with the New Zealanders. Any hopes the New Zealanders held of winning this match yesterday were dashed when Gladstone Small dismissed Edgar and Wright in his first and fourth overs. Warwickshire left the touring team to make 270 in two hours 50 minutes but the early loss of their experienced opening pair made the target too difficult.

On a turning pitch Warwickshire were unable to press home their advantage as Kerr, batting at No 10, hits a four in his unbeaten 33 for Warwickshire. The match was given up. Small claimed his two wickets when the batsman, in each case, played ball back to a ball that moved off the pitch. Rutherford, neat and correct, and Crowe, who drove with authority too many qualls. At the New Zealanders still needed 238 and only the formalities remained.

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Moxon makes history as the Indians bow out in style

By Peter Ball

SCARBOROUGH: The Indians beat Yorkshire by five wickets. The Indians ended their tour with a flourish yesterday, claiming their first win over a county side this summer as they responded to Carrick's general declaration with a will after Martyn Moxon's second century of the match had threatened to take matters out of their own hands.

Some exhilarating hitting by Lamba and More, who added 10 in 10 balls after tea, made their target of 255 in 195 minutes a formality. They achieved their first-ever win over their hosts with four wickets to spare as Paul and Pandit also scored fluent fifties.

At the start of play, there was still the chance that India could win the match completely unaided. Hartley and Moxon removed that possibility, batting with solid purpose and eventually considerable fluency, as their stand progressively wore away. Moxon, failing to recapture the bite and accuracy of the previous evening as the wicket eased further. They had put on 153 in 46 overs, taking Yorkshire towards safety when Hartley was undone by a ball which he carried on resolute, sweeping and cutting powerfully to reach his century in 199 minutes, becoming only the ninth Yorkshireman to hit two hundreds in a match.

Workshop triumph

By Peter Ball

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Touch and go

Gaith and Roux, the Sussex fast bowler, is hoping his broken finger heads in time for the NatWest Trophy quarter-final against Yorkshire at Headingley on July 30. Sussex want to Roux to play in a second Test match as a trial, but Stewart Storey, the county coach, said: "It's touch and go."

Scottish Sunday saint turns into bogey man overnight

By John Hennessy

Bernard Gallacher, Sunday's golfing saint, became yesterday's sinner. His second round of 77, six over par for the Western Gailes course, seemed certain to exclude him from the Open Championship starting on Thursday.

Gallacher's course record of 65 on the first day of the qualifying competition had seemed to make his second 18 holes little more than a formality, a gentle stroll beside the sea along the Ayrshire coast, but three shots dropped in the first seven holes wrecked a week of doubt and the Scottish Ryder Cup player's self-confidence this season has been a delicate characteristic, easily fractured and difficult to repair.

Everything had fallen into place on Sunday. Now everything has fallen apart. He dropped a stroke at six holes and recognized that he would need a birdie at the 18th to have a chance of qualifying. His 12-foot putt stopped agonizingly an inch short of the hole.

"To say I'm annoyed would be an understatement," he said afterwards. "I don't even feel philosophical about it." It was said in se.

Ascendant star of earthy giant from Oklahoma

By John Hennessy

It is not often that Severiano Ballesteros and Sandy Lyle, two giants of the game, are mentioned in the same breath. Yet that was the case at Turnberry yesterday and it could be the case in the 15th Open Championship which starts on Thursday.

For as Ballesteros and Lyle began to research their next examination, so the newest American star to roll off the college conveyor belt stepped out to the first tee behind them. He was born in Oklahoma City, educated at Oklahoma State University and he is attached to the Oak Tree Club in Edmond, Oklahoma, where he lives. He is the typical, clean-cut, all-American.

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Tway's credentials are outstanding. He has won three times this season, capturing the Andy Williams Open, Westchester Classic and Atlanta Classic, and he has earned \$460,000 (about £310,000). Only Greg Norman, the Australian, with \$547,170, has won more money in 1986.

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Mac faces gripping encounters in Moscow

By Philip Nickson

Over the past five years, the Wolverhampton judo club have almost consistently filled half of the places in the British team. So the invitation to the Goodwill Games should have come as no surprise to Malcolm Abbotts, the club coach and mentor. And over the next few days, four leading members of the club will face opposition from the Soviet Union and the United States and assorted Eastern bloc nations in Moscow.

In the forthcoming Commonwealth Games judo event, too, of the seven fighters in the first team, four - Kerrith Brown, Dennis White, Dennis Stewart and Malcolm Abbotts - are from Wolverhampton. It was scheduled to be a five, until light middleweight Fitzroy Davis lost a crucial match in the British championships last month, and was demoted to the second team.

It is understandable that the Russians should be interested in Wolverhampton, not least because, in the European championships in Belgrade in May, the lightweight, Brown, decisively dispatched the Soviet, Grigory Verzhich, on his head, before being crushed for his best try.

But the club with a tiny mat area in the back room of Heathrow Public Baths, has wrestled the judo initiative from the prestigious London clubs like the City and the Royal, once or twice, but year after year.

The reason for Wolverhampton's success, according to Abbotts, known throughout the sport as Mac, lies partly in the quality of the boys who are organized judo courses, and partly in a breakthrough from the traditional Japanese training methods.

While maintaining an enthusiasm for judo, through the club, Mac has recruited some promising boys to his Wolverhampton club. And, instead of devoting most of the time, as is traditional in judo, to randori, or free-fighting practice, he concentrated on technique drills.

"But I've never seen anything quite like this course. The rough at Shinocock Hills was tough but you could advance the ball here, you could lose a ball, and yourself."

"It was nice to play my first round on a calm day. I need to get to know the course before I make a game plan. I've had two weeks off after playing 12 tournaments in a row, and I need to relax."

Tway meticulously plotted his route along Turnberry's narrow fairways. There is a touch of Tom Weiskopf about him which is hardly surprising as he played 1973 Open champion. "I suppose it had something to do with Tom also being tall," Tway said. "But for me to be a beautiful player to watch. His tempo was terrific."

The progress of Tway has sparked a mini revolution on American fairways. There was Arnie's "Army" then Jack's "Pack" and Lee's "Fleets". Now there is Tway's "Twopops". "I don't think much about it, but I think the people enjoy it, then what else?" Tway said.

As Open champion he might also spark a few headlines. Tway To Go.

De Havilland goes by the book

By John Hennessy

John de Havilland, a city merchant banker who is leading the club's bid to win the Hopton Challenge Cup at Bixley, keeps the Bible in his shooting bag (our rifle shooting correspondent writes). The Old Testament, he points out, shows that Ecclesiastes would have been a good match for the club.

Chapter One, Verse Six just fitted the shooting conditions on the long ranges, for it reads: "The wind goeth towards south and turneth unto the north. It whirls about continually and wind returneth again according to his circuitus."

With or without his Bible, de Havilland has mastered the wind well. Six times match rifle champion, shooting at ranges of 900 to 200 yards, he on course to retain the title he lost to Dick Rodling last year.

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SPORT

# Cowley plans legal action

By John Goodbody

Annette Cowley, the swimmer who together with the athlete, Zola Budd, has been banned from competing at the thirteenth Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, is prepared to take her eligibility case in law to seek reinstatement in the England team. Miss Budd has yet to announce whether she will take similar action.

With only nine days to go before Prince Philip opens the Games in Meadowbank Stadium, the boycott of five African nations is still firm despite the Commonwealth Games Federation's decision on Sunday that Miss Budd and Miss Cowley, who were both born in South Africa, are ineligible because they do not have the residential qualifications.

In a statement after Sunday's meeting, Mr Peter Healy, of Scotland, the federation chairman, said that the decision could be challenged only in the courts. Now Miss Cowley, who is the national 100 and 200 metres freestyle champion and was selected for both events as well as the relay, is considering this action.

Kevin Bewley, Miss Cowley's coach at Wigan Wasps, said yesterday: "We will be taking legal advice and if we are advised that we have got a good case then we will go ahead. We hope we can still get Annette back into the team. While there is a chance we are going to press on."

The club will discuss the matter with a solicitor, who acted on their behalf when Miss Cowley won an appeal to the Amateur Swimming Association last month, after they had originally declared her ineligible.

But the ASA will not appeal to the federation on the swimmer's behalf, David Reeves, the ASA secretary, said yesterday: "As far as we are concerned they have reached the end of the road."

They have gone to the people who make the rules and wrote the book. If that is how the federation has interpreted it then that is it. We shall not appeal or press them in any way.

Miss Cowley, who was born in Cape Town, is studying at University of Texas. Although she has a British passport she needs to satisfy another condition to ensure eligibility. Since she has not lived for six of the last 12 months in England, her case has rested on her future residence. She claimed that her intention was to reside permanently in England and that she was therefore eligible.

Her claim seems weaker than that of Miss Budd, who has bought a house near Guildford, because she has no recent record of living in England. The problem is that the federation's constitution is inadequately drafted to deal with competitors in this situation because it was designed to allow easy movement between countries within the Commonwealth.

# Budd compromise

By Cliff Temple

The 1,000 metres race which Zola Budd had intended to use as her final sharpener for the Commonwealth Games, during the Pearl Assurance Invitation meeting at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, next Friday and Saturday, has taken on a new significance in the light of the weekend's events.

Miss Budd, who is also due to race 800 metres in a meeting near Barcelona tomorrow, will be up against the Commonwealth 800 metres champion, Kirsty Wade, in the Birmingham event. Mrs Wade, who set the United Kingdom 800 metres record of 1 min 57.42 sec last year, is thus some three seconds faster than Miss Budd whose best, set in Switzerland last month, is 2 min 00.55 sec.

But at 1,500 metres, Miss Budd's UK record of 3 min 59.96 sec is in turo some three seconds faster than Mrs Wade's best. So a meeting at a neutral distance should provide a race to equal the epic at Crystal Palace last year when Miss Budd showed a rare chink in her armour, finishing third in the 2,000 metres behind the Romanian winner, Marcia Puica, and Yvonne Murray, from Scotland.

Steve Cram is expected to tackle the 800 metres in Birmingham following his outing at the same distance in Nice tonight, and there will be a valuable opportunity for the England sprint relay team of Daley Thompson, John Regis, Linford Christie and Mike McFarlane, to try out their baton change in competitive conditions before Edinburgh.

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Vintage staff: Dhaenens winning in Bordeaux

# Yates joins break to finish fourth

From John Wilcockson, Bordeaux

Sean Yates, the 26-year-old cyclist from Sussex, yesterday achieved his best stage result in three years of competing in the Tour of France. Yates was one of 13 men who escaped from the main field nine miles from the finish of the 161-mile eleventh stage from Poitiers, and it looked as though he was a strong contender for victory.

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Six miles after placing third in the day's second time bonus sprint, after 28 miles of high speed racing, Yates made a solo attack. But the pace was too high and the other teams too vigilant to allow him more than three miles of freedom. The ultimate break came after a long period of attacks and counter-attacks that were triggered by the Dutch and Belgian teams.

Yesterday's stage marked the end of the flatter part of the 23-day race, which this morning begins its first stage in the high mountains. The French are hoping that Bernard Hinault, the five-time winner, will continue with his good form and possibly take over the leadership from Pedersen. But the specialist climbers, such as Robert Millar, of Scotland; Stephen Roche, of Ireland; Urs Zimmermann, of Switzerland; and Luis Herrera, of Colombia, are expected to come into their own.

STAGE ELEVEN: 1, R Dhaenens (Bel), 59:12 min; 2, M Hermans (Neth), same time; 3, L Biondi (Fr), at 2 sec; 4, S Yates (GB), at 9 sec; 5, G Laiseu (Fr), 6, G Kussner (Neth), 7, N Broodx (Bel), 8, G Criquielion (Bel), 9, M Earley (Ire); 10, J Rodriguez (Sp), at same time. Other placings: 35, S Roche (Ire), at 10 sec; 84, R Millar (GB), same time; 188, P Kimmage (Ire), same time. OVERALL STANDINGS: 1, J Pedersen (Den), 45h 32min 03sec; 2, J Faerber (Fr), at 1:05.5; 3, B Hinault (Fr), at 1:10.5; 4, T Marie (Fr), at 1:24; 5, C Motte (Fr), at 1:43.7; U Zimmermann (Switz), at 1:53; 6, S Roche (Ire), at 1:53.9; 7, Vandenbroucke (Bel), 2:01; 8, Millar, 2:24. Other placings: 57, Earley, 7:23; 59, Yates, 7:25; 100, Kimmage, 10:42.

# Millar peaks for his climb to the top

Bordeaux Today Robert Millar will know whether his chance of winning the 73rd Tour of France is firm or ephemeral. At about lunchtime the 191 survivors of the first 11 stages will climb the first serious mountain pass in the three-week race, the feared Col de Burdiguetebeta, 51 miles from the start of the Bayonne-to-Pau twelfth stage.

Tomorrow the going will get even tougher with the 8,000-foot Col de Tourmalet on the schedule of the second Pyrenean stage that will finish at the ski station of Superbagneres after a final climb of 17 miles from the town of Luchon.

"I don't expect the tour to be won in the Pyrenees," Millar said yesterday. "But these two stages will give us a better idea of where the strength lies. I expect that Greg LeMond or Stephen Roche will take over the yellow jersey."

Millar was lying tenth after yesterday's stage into Bordeaux, 2 minutes 34 seconds behind the overall leader, Jorgen Pedersen, of Denmark. But Pedersen and three of the other riders in front of Millar are almost certain to be left behind in the mountains. This would put Millar in sixth place tonight. He has a deficit of only 1 min 29 sec on Roche, who is likely to be the third Irishman to take over the leadership after Seamus Elliott in 1963 and Sean Kelly three years ago.

Millar, who was born in Glasgow and lives in Belgium, is full of confidence and riding better than before at this stage of the tour. "I have total confidence in my new team, Panasonic," he said. "I have been able to sit in the bunch every day, protected from the

wind by my team-mates. Some people have criticized me for not showing myself at the front but I have trusted my colleagues to chase down any serious attacks."

Millar owes his high placing to a performance in the individual time trial at Nantes last Saturday that astounded each distinguished observer as Jacques Anquetil, the Frenchman who was the first cyclist to win the tour five times. "It's abnormal that such a specialist climber can ride so fast on a flat stage," Anquetil said. "It must be the influence of the Panasonic team manager, Peter Post, that has improved his time trial ability."

Millar said: "I did a good time trial because I'm in excellent form. I have had far fewer races this year and been able to pick my own events, not those dictated by the team."

As a result of his reduced programme, Millar has had an outstanding season with second places in the Tour of Spain and the Tour of Switzerland. "I didn't start the Swiss race in very good form, otherwise I would have won it," Millar said. "I wanted to reach my peak for the Tour of France and that is what has happened."

"I think the race will be won in the Alps next week or even on the Puy de Dome two days before the finish. I prefer the second stage in the Alps, the one that finishes at Alpe d'Huez. I like that climb because it has a good surface and will give me a better chance to make a difference. The finishing climb the day before has a very bumpy road surface, which I do not like as much."

John Wilcockson

# Mansell, lion with a lot more tiger in his tank

By John Blunsden

Canon Williams, having demonstrated their superiority during Sunday's Shell Oils British Grand Prix, when Nigel Mansell and Nelson Piquet lapped the third man twice, the fourth man twice and everyone else at least three times, drove home the message of their competitiveness even more forcibly in the paddock area afterwards.

Despite their devastating pace, at which both drivers broke the lap record time after time before Mansell left it at 1 minute 09.593 seconds, a speed of 135.220 mph, the winner's car when checked was found to have eight litres of fuel left according to a scrutineer's report issued during the evening after the race. A promising outen as Mansell looks forward to the next race, the German Grand Prix, on the notoriously thirsty Hockenheim circuit.

The fuel efficiency of the Williams team's Honda engine is giving them a formidable advantage to which as yet there has been no effective reply and it begins to look as though only a lack of reliability is likely to halt the continuing journeys of Mansell and Piquet to the winner's rostrum in the weeks ahead.

It is the sustained full-throttle racing along the two long arms of the Hockenheim track which consumes so much fuel there. Only three years ago, during the last season of unrestricted fuel usage, Andrea de Cesaris spluttered across the line to take second place in the German Grand Prix with his Alfa Romeo after it had consumed well over 300 litres. Today the fuel limit is 195 litres and power outputs in race trim are at least 100 bhp greater, such has been the

# Laffite stable

Jacques Laffite, the 42-year-old French driver who broke both legs and fractured his pelvis in Sunday's grand prix, faces a "three to four months" wait before he will have fully recovered. A spokesman for Queen Mary's hospital in Sidcup said a decision on Laffite's future care would be taken on Thursday. He added: "Mr Laffite remains stable and comfortable and is gradually becoming more cheerful."

advance recently in engine management technology.

After Hockenheim, Budapest, being a new circuit, is an unknown quantity, but then follows Zeltweg in Austria and Monza in Italy, two of the fastest circuits in the calendar, where fuel efficiency is sure to be the prime arbiter of performance. By the time the teams leave Italy early in September the world championship could be decided and, whatever the outcome, engine management systems will surely have played almost as important a role as driving skill.

Normally, at this time of the season, the Formula One paddock area is filled with rumours and conjecture regarding "who goes where" but this season the engine factor has become so critical that the main topic instead is "who uses what" in 1987. BMW's impending withdrawal means that Brabham, Benetton and Arrows are all searching for new sources of power; but so, it seems, are several other teams.

Liger's decision to join forces with Alfa Romeo means that Renault — the team's current supplier —

could well succeed in their aim to service two teams next year instead of three. But which two? Their special arrangement with JPS Lotus is closely influenced by the team's retention of the Ayrtton Senna-Gerard Ducarouge driver-designer partnership and it is no secret that Ferrari would like to lure the pair of them to Italy. Tyrrell are Renault's other remaining customers but Ken Tyrrell is known to be sounding out the ground elsewhere as a precaution against Renault choosing not to renew their contract.

Ford will not consider adding more than one team for 1987 and this will have to be one of the top ones in order to justify providing the additional engine manufacturing and servicing facilities. But the most interesting question is who, apart from Williams, are likely to be using the all-conquering Honda?

There is little doubt that the Japanese company have the resources to supply more than one team. There are some who believe that the decision has been made and that Honda have taken a stake in an established top team.

The prospect of Senna sitting on the front row of the starting grid in a Ducarouge-designed JPS Lotus-Honda alongside Mansell in his Patrick Head-designed Canon Williams-Honda at the British Grand Prix at Silverstone next year may be nothing more than wishful thinking but it might provide the answer to the question as to which of them is the ace in the pack.

REMAINING GRAND PRIX: July 27: German (Hockenheim); August 10: Hungarian (Budapest); August 17: Austrian (Zeltweg); September 7: Italian (Monza); September 21: Portuguese (Estoril); October 12: Mexican (Mexico City); October 26: Australian (Adelaide).

# GOLF

# Tough test facing man in a million

By Mitchell Platts

Sandy Lyle yesterday received confirmation of the riches he was promised following his victory in the Open Championship 12 months ago. He put pen to paper, for the second time in as many months, to sign a new contract which will take his off-road earnings to more than £1 million as a result of his success at Royal St George's.

Lyle, as ever, revealed the news without baring an eyelid. "My life hasn't changed much," he said. "I still do the things I used to do, like biting lots of bad shots. But I can recommend winning the Open to anyone!"

Lyle will receive a minimum of £300,000 over the next three years for playing Mizuno clubs around the world. His contracts with the Adidas clothes company and Ballantine's scotch-whisky are worth similar sums.

In addition he also has a contract with Ebel, the Swiss watch company which also sponsors the European Masters, and with the Hawkstone golf club in Shropshire where he struck his first shot at the age of three.

Lyle, now 28, is temperamentally suited to the role of champion, and his easy-going attitude means that sponsors are quite prepared to pay him around £15,000 appearance money for their tournaments.

"It's been fun being Open champion, but the year has gone past too quickly," added Lyle. "I wouldn't mind if I had another year with the title; I would prefer to win another

# YACHTING

# Cofica falls foul of British law

By Barry Pickthall

Cofica, the former French Half Ton Cup world champion, was ruled out as overall trophy winner of the Cowes-Dinard race minutes before the prizegiving on Sunday evening when it was decreed that the yacht contravened rule 26 governing sponsorship.

The Berret-designer named after a French insurance company — reverted to the name "C" when winning the Half Ton title at Troon two years ago to avoid a similar protest, but has always competed under its current name in French races where the organizers take a far more liberal view.

Support for the yacht from the insurance company ended last season when Cofica was sold, but unfortunately the new owner, Leon Brillouet, did not realize that this famous name would still have to be changed to comply with the letter of the law when competing in British events.

Ironically, the yacht with the second best corrected time, Richard Bottomly's Humphry's-designed three-quarter tonner, Decosol Car Care, was also ruled out on the same grounds, and the principal silverware went instead to Tony Channing's Lion, another three-quarter tonner.

The thorny problem of commercialism within the sport is expected to be a principal topic at this year's annual meeting of the International Yacht Racing Union.

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# Sweet yet unsung champion

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Nice

Yesterday's headlines were an immediate testament to Marcia Puica's problem. "I am the one who wins the Olympic title and sets the world record, yet all I ever see in the newspapers and magazines is line after line about Zola Budd and Mary Decker, and I merit a small paragraph."

The exclusion of Miss Budd from the Commonwealth Games was a special case in point, as yesterday's front page stories demonstrated, but Saturday's reports of Mrs Puica's 2,000m world record at Crystal Palace were subsidiary to the latest news on Miss Budd, who finished third in the race. And many people



Puica: volatile and volatile

would be hard-pressed to remember that Mrs Puica won the Olympic title in the 3,000m race where Miss Decker, now Mrs Slaney, fell, and Miss Budd finished seventh. Miss Budd has failed to beat Mrs Puica in their five subsequent meetings, and although Mrs Slaney won every race against Mrs Puica last year, the American was not on the same form in Los Angeles. Ion Puica, husband and coach, interjects quietly: "Decker wasn't running well; I know Marcia would have beaten her."

The Puicas are one of the sweetest couples on the athletics circuit, more open and approachable than most of their East European contemporaries, yet with the same old-fashioned courtesies of bows and handshakes. Marcia, with dyed blonde hair, is volatile and voluble, stumbling into her rudimentary English. Ion is shorter, stout and placid, and speaks the better French.

The contrast was probably the same when they first met. Marcica was a 16-year-old schoolgirl in one of the PE classes conducted by Ion, then 36, in the Romanian town of Iasi. They married four years later in 1970 and moved to Bucharest where Marcica is a part-time administrator in a match factory, and Ion is national women's middle distance coach.

Another 16 years later, after a gradual process, Marcica is, according to Ion, "the complete athlete. No woman anywhere near 36 years of age has achieved as much as she has". And Ion looks nowhere near his 56 years. He was an international middle distance runner in the late 1950s, adding apologetically: "My 5,000m time was just three seconds faster than Zola Budd has done."

Ion is less certain than many about Miss Budd's future. "She trains very hard for an athlete of 20. I get the impression that her coach pushes her too much." His approach was the gradual one, for Marcica took eight years to get her 1,500m time down from 4:35.8 to a respectable 4:06.1.

Mrs Puica is a current Mobil grand prix points leader and goes into the one mile here in Nice tonight with the possibility of another world record which would virtually sew up the overall prize of \$25,000 (about £17,000). Steve Cram and Steve Oveit run the 800m and 3,000m as one of his best preparation races for the Commonwealth Games.

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